



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

May 8, 2023

MR. NOAH SCHEER
[REDACTED]

FOIPA Request No.: 1574103-000
Subject: LEHMAN, HERBERT HENRY

Dear Mr. Scheer:

The FBI has completed its search for records subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed 630 pages of records were determined to be responsive to your subject and were previously processed and released. Please see the selected paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.



In an effort to provide you with responsive records as expeditiously as possible, we are releasing documents from previous requests regarding your subject. We consider your request fulfilled. Since we relied on previous results, additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail to **Initial Processing Operations Unit; Record/Information Dissemination Section; Information Management Division; Federal Bureau of Investigation; 200 Constitution Drive; Winchester, VA 22602**. You may also email your response to foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please include the FOIPA Request Number listed above in your correspondence.



Please be advised that additional records responsive to your subject exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you must advise us that you want the additional records processed. Please submit your response within thirty (30) days to **Initial Processing Operations Unit; Record/Information Dissemination Section; Information Management Division; Federal Bureau of Investigation; 200 Constitution Drive; Winchester, VA 22602**. You may also email your response to foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please include the FOIPA Request Number listed above in your correspondence. **If we do not receive your decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this notification, your request will be closed.**



One or more of the enclosed records were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession.

If this release of the previously processed material does not satisfy your request, you may file a FOIPA request with NARA at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration
Special Access and FOIA
8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500
College Park, MD 20740-6001



Records potentially responsive to your request were transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and they were not previously processed pursuant to the FOIA. You may file a request with NARA using the address above. Please reference the file numbers listed below in your correspondence:



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Washington, D.C. 20535

94-HQ-7 SER 231
94-HQ-6 SER 1529
94-HQ-49291
62-HQ-90001 SER 179-
ENCLP9; 229-ENCLP3
100-HQ-3-7 SER 1544P45
100-HQ-3-36 SER 88
100-HQ-3-70-A SER DAILY
WORKER
100-HQ-3-75 SER 1114P10
100-NY-7629-C SER 758
100-NY-7629-D SER 167
100-HQ-29447 SER 9
100-HQ-87638 SER 186
100-HQ-18610 SER 56P119
100-HQ-338861 SER 59P23
100-HQ-343001 SER 20P17

100-HQ-348063 SER 58
100-HQ-348196-A SER NEW
YORK TIMES; BOSTON
POST; DAILY WORKER;
WASH. POST AND TIMES
HERALD; WASHINGTON
EVENING STAR
100-HQ-421901 SER 1-
ENCLP42
100-HQ-423395 SER 282
100-HQ-429881 SER 1
102-HQ-4-2 SER 6
105-HQ-20183 SER 61-
ENCLP22
105-HQ-30965 SER 58
105-HQ-53743 SER 62
105-HQ-73760 SER 3

- ☐ One or more of the enclosed records were destroyed. Although we retained a version of the records previously processed pursuant to the FOIA, the original records are no longer in our possession. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) , Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.
- ☒ Records potentially responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) according to Title 44 United States Code Section 3301, Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Chapter 12 Sub-chapter B Part 1228, and 36 CFR 1229.10.
- ☐ Documents or information referred to other Government agencies were not included in this release.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. **“Part 1”** of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. **“Part 2”** includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. **“Part 3”** includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at www.fbi.gov/foia. Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

Please be advised that if you are seeking a new search for records, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request based on material that you have already received, e.g., timeframe or locality. Additionally, be advised that “unusual circumstances” may apply. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B)(iii). These “unusual circumstances” will delay our ability to make a determination on your request within 20 days. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(6)(B). Additionally, the payment of pertinent fees may apply to your request. See 5 U.S.C. § 552 (a)(4)(A)(viii). The application of “unusual circumstances” is not a determination of how the FBI will respond to your substantive request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of this response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E. Bender, Jr." in a cursive style.

Joseph E. Bender, Jr.
Acting Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records, administrative records of previous FOIPA requests, or civil litigation files.
 - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. *Reference Entity Records*- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

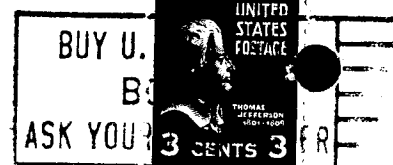
EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.



MR, Edgar, Hoover
Washington, DC

Brooklyn NY july the 31,1939

MR, Hoover Gov, agent
Dear sir

Presuposeing it to be no News to you that the Catholic Churches are Stocking up with guns and amunation Getting Redy for the Revulution thats comeing Up as that in Spain Before the Revulution The catholic Churches and the Houses of Prostitution Called catholic Nunnries Was turned in to arcnals for Franko, are you so dum as not to know That the Catholic Churches now Has target Practis in the Basements of These so called Churches and are you Ripvanwinkles so dum in Washington as not to know that The catholic Churches Furnishes the Under world With guns and amunation and that the italian Police Plans Robbries on

their Beats these italians and Catholic irish Plans Roberys and Hold ups on their Beats This political Scunk that we now have for Mayor of new York is to Dum to Know that Roosevelt is to be our next President say nothing a Bout Haveing Brains Enough to be Mayor of NYC,?,, Mussolinis Mouth Oregons in this Country the Catholic Church is Shore Layeing in a Suply of guns and amunation as thay done in Spain before the Spanish Revolution, are you going to Sit idaly by and see these Mussolinies Stock up with guns and amunation as these Birds did in Spain Before the Revolution, the Catholic Judges heare turns these Catholic Bunch Loose When these birds Gets Caught the catholic school Teachers are Setting up a Mussolinie Form of goverment Heare Dont Let these long Faced fakers of catholic Priests Fool you a Bout Communist Line of Baloney the communist Has no Outside Help like the Catholic Church that is if you call it a Church, we call it Mussolinies Mouth Oregon in the U,S,A,?,,,

Yours truly isaac Kibser,

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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Lester
Mr. Lawler
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sears
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

Brooklyn NY, August the 7, th, 1939

MR, J, Edgar, Hoover
Washington DC
Dear sir

The catholic Church is now Smuggling in arms and amunation and Storeing it up for the Revulution thats comeing up as soon as Roosevelt is Out of the white House as President ,as these Birds wants to start a Revulution right after President Election in 1940,if Roosevelt does not Serve another term,Before the Revulution in Spain The Catholic Churches and Other Undercover Orginizations Stocked up with Guns and large a Mount of amunation thay are now doing the same

thing Heare These birds Has gown so far as to now Have target Practis in the Basement of these Undercover Organizations,these Birds Furnishes Guns and amunation to the Underworld you can Have these irish Catholic Police Heare Get you a Gun if you put up the 100,Dollar Theres a Man that lives in a Neighbor,Hood of catholicts,By the name Harold,Johnson,His address is 101.115,Street ,Richmond,Hill, Queens, Brooklyn,6He can tell you all you will want to Know a Bout the Target Practice Johnson is Not a Catholic if you interview Him do not send out a Dumbell or Other wise you will find out Nothing if its Done in the right way you will find the Church or arcinal or what Ever you are in the Habit of calling these so called Churches, There was Target practic Going on in the Basement and there was a police come in and Looked a Round and told the Old Priest to be Careful as there might be people liveing in the Neighbor Hood that was not Catholicts,Notwithstanding the fact that its a Gainst the Law to be in Posession of a Gun in NYC,The catholic Judge turns catholicts loose on Different Charges if you dont think so Ask thi man Johnson at this address

This man Johnson is an Engineer in Brooklyn,and his Reckord is go Catholic Priest aranges Hold ups on their Beat by by Catholic Pol Catholic Judges are in to Every kind of a Racket that Ever Existed Gun men Shoots and kills People and the Priest will sware in court That this man was at ~~their~~ church at that time this Killing is Done a Bout 6,AM,The Catholics acts through Catholic Judges and police ,

Yours truly,

isaac,Kibser

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address Kimberly.Hotel.at,74,Street,&,Broadway,Manhattan

Dont write soon as i will be a way for son Time on my vacation,

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MR, J, Edgar, Hoover,
Gov, agent,
Washington, DC,

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Brooklyn NY Aug the 20,th,1939

Mr J,Edgar,Hoover
Dear sir

Well i Suppose you are not so Dum as not to See at a Glance that Mussolin agents are at work in this Country Through Cardinal Spellman of NYC & Cardinal munderline of Chicago These Railroad accidents are Beaing Delibertly Carefully Planed by these Ginnies that is Employed By the Railroads Companys The catholic Church Now is Beaing Filled up with Guns and amunation as was done in Spain before the Revolution,are you Dumbells in washington Going to sit idaly by and see Jim,Farley go to Visit the Pope before He can say if He will Suport Roosevelt for a 3, rd term,May we ask Who is Running this Country is it the Pope or is it you

blind Artist,at washington,Railroad accidents are started to increase Theres a Reason why of course,Sence the Entire Track department is rum by a Bunch of Dagoes and Mussolinies Ginnies,and Catholic irish, sutch as John,Kielty.Roadmaster for the Lackwana,whoes office is in hoboken,He has a track foreman by the name of John,Bernello,a Mussoli ni wOp This Ginnie is to Start in at once and Cause a Lot of accidents on the Lackwana Railroad He is to Blow up the Bridge a Cross the Hackensack River on the Lackawana and the big Draw bridge on the Eria,Railroad a cross the Hackensack,River,not Far from Secockes thats the 3,rd Station out on the line from Hoboken Station,Nothing but a Dago can get a Job as a Track foreman from these Catholic irishmen who is Roadmasters and does the Hireing of the track Foremen This irish Gentleman that was kicked out of Michigan as Governor by the Name of Murphy is in With This Overthrow Bunch of Mussolinies in this Country and are Operating

at the Suggestion of Cardinal Spellman of NYC,Munderline Has laid out an accident on the Great Northern Just west of spokane washington for Mussolinies Ginnies to pull off,theres a Extremaly High Wooden Bridge a bout 3,Forth of a mile long at ST,Marries,Alberta to go up in Smoke soon This Bridge is 12,Miles West.of Lethbridge,Alburta, Canada,at Diamond Lake ,washington.theres an accident comeing up on a Curve a Passenger train is to be Derailed and Run off in to the Lake where there is a Bout 40,FT,of water,this is to be done By the Ginnie track Gang,and foreman of the track, Mussolinies Trigger men now Has target practice in the Basement of Catholic So called Church see a Man by the Name of Harold Johnson Who Lives at 101-19,115,Street,Richmond,Hill Brooklyn,He can give you all of the information Nessary to fond this arcinal,This man is at home at 130,PM,Every day if you want to interview him Dont send out a Dumbell to interview this man ,Pretend to want to Buy property and then Have your Cockeyed Dumbell Spring the subject a Bout Catholic arcinals of Mussolinies Haveing Target practice,in Basements of these Churches,dont Overlook AL,Smith of NYC as he Often visits Cardinal Spellman of NYC of late for tiping off out side information from this Undercover,Orginization,as Jim farley called aL,smith in 1936

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The NYC,Police Commissioner of Greater NYC valentine is an other pope Visiter of not long a Go,this Bird plans Holdups on Beas of Mussolinies Men on the force Better get wise to the Ginnie on the NYC police Force,this is Part of Spellmans activities,in NYC,,
AUG 22 1939

Yours Truley,isaac Kibser
one of Roosevelts,Voters in 1940,i,Hope

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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August 24, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attention - Technical Laboratory

Transmitted herewith are an original letter and envelope which were sent to this office by ALBERT B. MOORE, Chief Inspector, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, New York State Police, Troy, New York.

Inspector MOORE stated in his letter of July 16, 1940, that this anonymous communication was received by His Excellency Governor LEHMAN through the United States mails and postmarked New York City, July 10, 1940.

Inspector MOORE stated that he thought that the letter might be connected with something already in the FBI files.

It is desired that this letter be checked through the handwriting files for the purpose of determining whether the writer of the letter can be identified.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett
B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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September 3, 1940

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INDEXEDSpecial Agent in Charge
New York, New YorkRe: Anonymous Communication Addressed
to "H. Lehman, Governor, State
Capital, Albany, New York, N. Y.".

Dear Sir:

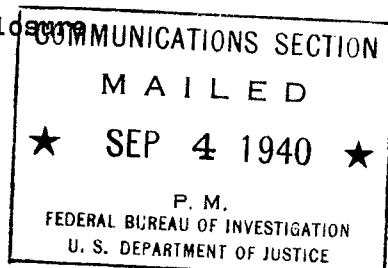
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above-entitled matter and transmitted by your communication dated August 24, 1940.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Report

September 3, 1940

File # 62-59486-1

Re: Anonymous Communication Addressed to
"H. Lehman, Governor, State Capital,
Albany, New York, N. Y."

Lab. # 37402

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: letter of 8-24-40

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

Holland

- 62-59486-1 Q1, Envelope postmarked "New York, New York,
July 10, 1940, 4 P. M."
Q2, Accompanying letter beginning "You Jews
Better....".

The questioned writing appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 was compared with the handwriting appearing in the anonymous letter file maintained in the laboratory but the examiner found nothing of particular interest or of such significance as would suggest field investigation. A photographic copy will be placed in this file and in the event of a future identification your office will be advised.

The original evidence is being retained in the laboratory.

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2 New York
1 Laboratory

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lab. 37925

October 2, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Unknown Subject;
Congressman Michael Joseph
Kennedy, Victim; Extortion.
Identification in Anonymous
Letter File.

Under date of September 26, 1940 the Washington Field Office submitted to the Laboratory for examination a letter and envelope which were received through the mail by the Honorable Michael Joseph Kennedy, a Congressman from the State of New York. This letter threatens to kill all persons voting for the Conscription Bill and is signed "Suicide Squad of N. Y. C.".

Mr. Blaine searched the handwriting on these specimens through the laboratory's anonymous letter file and identified it with the handwriting on specimens Q1 and Q2 which were submitted in connection with the case entitled, Anonymous Communication Addressed to H. Lehman, Governor, State Capitol, Albany, New York, Bureau File number 62-59486. New York is the office of origin in this case and the specimens were submitted for examination with a letter dated September 26, 1940. This communication addressed to Governor Lehman is anti-Semitic and was apparently written by a Nazi sympathizer.

The interested field divisions are being advised of this identification.

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Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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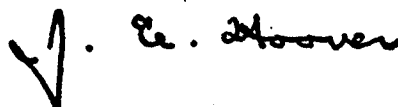
~~Special Agent in Charge~~
Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

Re: Unknown Subject;
Congressman Michael Joseph Kennedy,
Victim; Extortion.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above-entitled matter and transmitted by your communication dated **September 26, 1940.**

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-New York

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

October 2, 1940

File # 9-6706-1

Lab. # 37925

Re: Unknown Subject;
Congressman Michael
Joseph Kennedy - Victim;
Extortion.

Examination requested by: Washington

Reference: letter of 9-26-40

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens: Blaine

- Q1, One envelope postmarked "New York, New York, September 14, 1940, 5 P. M."
- Q2, Accompanying letter, handwritten, beginning "We accuse you Senators of N.Y.C....", consisting of one sheet of paper.
- K1, Specimen of known handwriting of William Kennally written on the back of one sheet of stationery of Congressman Kennedy, at the bottom of the page. It begins "Honorable Michael J. Kennedy: We are your constituents...". The writing at the top of the page is that of the Congressman's Secretary.

Specimens Q1 and Q2, written on stationery of the William Sloane House, 356 West 34th Street, New York, New York, were chemically treated for latent fingerprints but none of value could be developed.

It was concluded that specimens Q1 and Q2 were not written by William Kennally whose known handwriting specimen is designated as K1.

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Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched against the Laboratory's anonymous letter file and it was concluded that these specimens were written by the same person as specimens Q1 and Q2 submitted in connection with the case entitled, Anonymous Communication Addressed to "H. Lehman Governor, State Capitol, Albany, New York", Bureau File #62-59486. The specimens in 62-59486 were submitted by the New York Field Division with a letter dated August 24, 1940. The writer of these specimens is not known.

Photographic copies of specimens Q1 and Q2 submitted in connection with the instant case and also photographic copies of specimens Q1 and Q2 in file 62-59486 are being transmitted to your office herewith.

The original evidence submitted is being retained in the laboratory.

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2 Washington
1 New York
2 Laboratory (62-59486)

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Mr. Tracy
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FBI NEW YORK CITY

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~~DIRECTOR~~

WESLEY HAMPTON WAS JOHN ROGERS, ISAAC KIBSER, QUOTE CHARLEYS FRIEND
UNQUOTE - CHAIRMAN , NLRB, ET AL VICEX. AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED
USC SDNY TODAY ON LETTER TO MRS. FRANCES PERKINS DATED DEC FIVE NINE-
TEEN FORTY. HAMPTON TURNED OVER TO USM, FAILURE TO POST ONE THOUSAND
DOLLAR BOND. EXPECTED TO BE COMMITTED TOMORROW MORNING TO BELLEVUE
OXXX HOSPITAL FOR THIRTY DAYS OBSERVATION. AUTHORITY REQUESTED RELEASE
TO PRESS FACTS CONCERNING APPREHENSION.

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

J. WARREN MADDEN
Chairman
EDWIN S. SMITH
WILLIAM M. LEISERSON

28 October 1939
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

We herewith enclose the following material:

1. Copy of letter (undated) from John Rogers, Esplanade Hotel, 305 West End Avenue, New York City, the original of which was forwarded to the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor.

2. Envelope in which our acknowledgment to Mr. Rogers was contained -- returned to the Board marked "not at address given".

3. Further letter from Mr. Rogers with enclosed newspaper clipping from the NEW YORK TIMES.

Very truly yours,

Estelle S. Frankfurter

Estelle S. Frankfurter
Administrative Assistant

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Enclosures detached and retained in Lab.
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November 24, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated October 28, 1939, from Miss Estelle S. Frankfurter, Administrative Assistant, National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C., along with its enclosures which are self-explanatory.

It is noted the author of the enclosures, signed John Rogers, makes threats in rather broad terms to "blow up" certain hospitals in New York City unless wage conditions are improved. It is further noted the envelope addressed to Mr. Rogers, by the National Labor Relations Board, at the Esplanade Hotel, 305 West End Avenue, New York City, was returned by the Post Office with notation thereon that this individual was not at the address given.

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The Bureau suggests this matter be discussed with the appropriate United States Attorney, and his views obtained as to whether it constitutes a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute.

Very truly yours, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Gurnea _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Tamm _____

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November 24, 1939

Miss Estelle S. Frankfurter
Administrative Assistant
National Labor Relations Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Frankfurter:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 28, 1939, along with its enclosures, relevant to letters signed by one John Rogers and addressed, "Chairman of the National Labor Racket Board," and the "Wage and Hour Administration, Washington, D. C."

I want you to know that I appreciate your furnishing this information to me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
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Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1940

The Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find a letter
addressed to me by Mr. John Rogers of Brooklyn,
New York, and am calling your attention to
the underlined sentences on the second page.

Very truly yours,

Harold D. Smith

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TRUE COPY

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dec. the 5th, 1940

Mrs. Francis Perkins
Secretary of the american
Fakeration of labor

Dear Madam

as Dam as you are you should know that this country is not going to pay Europes war debt just once more if you wish to speed up this Overdow revolution in this all fools country all you will have to do is to sit Idaly By and look on labor Being Robed. this anti strike stuff is the fuse to the american Powder Keg of labor Robery. get this in your thick Head it can Hapen Heare You dumbells and Blind Guide in Washington Better watch out. and dont leap in the dark - we are not paying englands war Debt Just once more this Blind Guide and political fornicaters are now reaching the end of their Political Blind allie it will Be the firing squad for you and your Bunch of fakeration of labor-labor is Paid nothing - while Prices are Doubling up You Had Better Resign and save Your own Lowry Hide if you cant see the Rocks thats just a Head of your little Labor Cunnugh its the firing squad for You and Your double crossing gang of Labor Robers - naturally a Dam Bell like you will think that I am a communist this is not so I am classed as one of the starving americans for this unfortified fools Paridise to Be draged in to the war - means the Overthrow of this Legilized Robing form of government - if the engineers in NYC wages is not Doubled theres a lot of Big Building going to Be missed from their Present Foundations in Other words these Big Buildings and Robing Hospitals are going to Be Blown to Hell like it or not you Bastards and fornicaters are not getting away with it any longer a lot of these High Pressure Plants are going skieward not By me However But By the engineers in NYC

So long you
Political Bats and fornicaters

/s/ John Rogers
Organizer of the starving americans

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Brooklyn N.Y.
Dec the 5th 1940

Mrs Francis Perkins
Secretary of the American
Federation of Labor

Dear Madam
as I am as you are you should know that
this country is not going to pay Europe's
war debt just once make if you wish to
speed up this Overdue revolution in this
all fools country all you will have to do
is to sit idly by and look on labor
being Robed. This anti strike stuff is the
fuse to the american powder keg of labor
Robbery. Get this in your thick head it can
happen here you dumbbells and blind
guides in Washington better watch out.
and dont leap in the dark - we are not
paying englands war Debt just once more
This Blind guides and political fornicators
are now reaching the end of their political
Blind allie it will be the firing squad
for you and your bunch of fakration of
labor - labor is paid nothing while prices are
doubling up. You had better get out
and

Just don't hurry Hide it you can't see
the Rocks that's just a head of your
little Labor Campaign its the wrong Squad
for you and your double crossing gang of
Labor Robbers - naturally I'm sure like you
will think that I am a Communist
this is not so I am classed as one of
the starving Americans for this
unfortified fools Paradise to be dragged
to the war - means the Overthrow of this
legitimized Robbing farm of Government.

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December 23, 1940

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The Honorable
The Secretary of Labor
Washington, D. C.

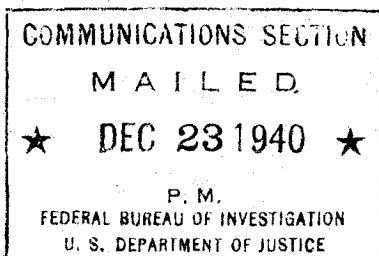
Dear Madam Secretary:

Your letter of December 7, 1940, addressed to the Department of Justice, with which you enclosed a communication received at the Department of Labor from one John Rogers of Brooklyn, New York, has been referred to this Bureau.

You may be assured that this matter will be afforded appropriate attention.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Nichols 40 _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____





NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

18th December 1939

J. WARREN MADDEN
Chairman
EDWIN S. SMITH
WILLIAM M. LEISERSON

Honorable John Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We herewith enclose a letter with typewritten signature of "isaac, Kibser." It would seem, however, to be somewhat comparable to the letters forwarded to you on October 28, 1939, which were signed "John Rogers."

Very truly yours,

Estelle S. Frankfurter
Administrative Assistant

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December 23, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: JOHN ROGERS;
MRS. FRANCES PERKINS,
(Miss Frances Perkins),
VICTIM; EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of a letter dated December 5, 1940 from one John Rogers, Brooklyn, New York, received at the Department of Labor in an envelope postmarked December 5, 1940, New York City, and referred to this Bureau through the Department of Justice by Mrs. Perkins.

In view of the possible threat to the victim, it is desired that you endeavor to ascertain the identity of Rogers and thereafter discuss the matter with the appropriate U. S. Attorney relative to prosecutive action.

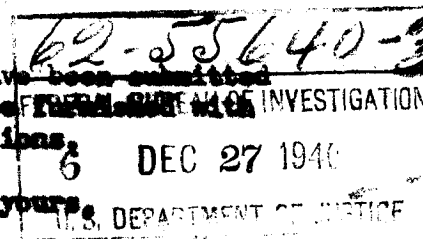
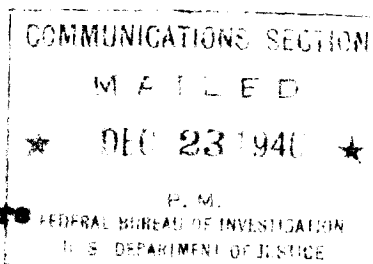
In view of the further threats to bomb certain unidentified buildings in New York, it is suggested that the police department in that city be apprized of the contents of Rogers' letter. Of course, arrangements should be made with the New York Police Department to obtain the results of any investigation conducted in connection with this matter.

The original specimens have been submitted to the Technical Laboratory and you will be furnished with copies of the report covering the examinations.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure



Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Egan _____
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Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

J. WARREN MADDEN
Chairman

EDWIN S. SMITH

WILLIAM M. LEISERSON

3rd January 1940

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Letter was not
enclosed when
rec'd.*
We herewith enclose a further letter signed
"Issac Libser."

1-4-39
Please refer to our prior letter of December 18
in connection with this.

Very truly yours,

Estelle S. Frankfurter
Administrative Assistant

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January 17, 1940

Mr. J. Warren Madden
Chairman
National Labor Relations Board
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Miss Estelle S. Frankfurter
Administrative Assistant

Dear Mr. Madden:

Reference is made to the letter of Miss Estelle S. Frankfurter, dated January 3, 1940, advising that another letter was being enclosed, signed "Issac Kibser", and referring to your prior letter of December 18, 1939.

I wish to advise that the above mentioned letter signed "Issac Kibser" was not received as an enclosure to the letter of January 3, 1940.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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January 5, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Anonymous Communications to
National Labor Relations Board
signed John Rogers.

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from Estella S. Frankfurter, Administrative Assistant, National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C. dated December 18, 1939 with which was transmitted a typewritten letter bearing the typewritten signature "Isaac Kibser". The same contributor under date of October 28, 1939 transmitted other typewritten evidence to the Bureau for whatever value it may serve or for such investigative action as may be deemed necessary. The evidence submitted with these two letters is listed below.

- 62-55640-3 Q4. Typewritten letter beginning "Now as there is nothing**".
- 1 Q1. Envelope postmarked "27, New York, New York, October 25, 1939, 1:30 P. M.".
- Q2. Typewritten letter beginning "in Colsed find First**".
- Q3. Typewritten letter beginning "its allways Good for a**".

1 envelope postmarked "11, Washington, D. C., October 25, 1939, 8 P. M.".

1 newspaper clipping entitled "5 Hospital Babies Killed by Steam".

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The typewriting on specimens Q1, Q2 and Q4 was concluded to have been prepared on the same machine. A comparison with the standards on file in the Technical Laboratory has resulted in the conclusion that these three specimens were prepared on a typewriter equipped with Pica Monogram type with a horizontal letter spacing.

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January 5, 1940

of ten letters per inch, manufactured by the Underwood Typewriter Company since 1934. The typewriting on specimen Q3 was concluded to have been prepared on a typewriter equipped with Remington Noiseless type, Elite style, having a horizontal spacing of twelve letters per inch.

It is suggested that the above information be transmitted to the Investigative Unit for such action as may be deemed advisable. The National Labor Relations Board is not being advised of the results of this examination inasmuch as the reply will depend upon such action as may be taken by the Investigative Unit.

The evidence is being retained in the Laboratory.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey



NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

J. WARREN MADDEN
Chairman
EDWIN S. SMITH
WILLIAM M. LEISERSON

19 January 1940

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
January 17.

We regret that through inadvertence the letter
referred to in our communication of January 3 was not forwarded
to you.

We now enclose this letter.

Very truly yours,

Estelle S. Frankfurter

Estelle S. Frankfurter
Administrative Assistant

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Brooklyn NY December the 28,th 1939
to the National Labor Board Racket
Washington DC

Dear Sir

a Few lines to you Blind Guides at the Wheel of the National Racket labor Board if you Blind guides cant see 36.000.Licensed Steam Engineers in New York city working 12 Hours a Day for a Lower standard of Liveing then that in sing,sing, you Birds should Resign to Earl Browder of Titler,as nothing could be worse then the Existance of a Licensed Steam engineer in New York city,we work 12 Hours a Day 7,Days a week For so long we Begin to think that thay should do in Sing Sing as we do

Or Make room in sing sing For us Engineers as we are tired of working 12 hours a Day 7 Days a week?,i am shore you Wise Birds cant find these Lousy chisling Dumps so i will give you the name and the Street Number and address Quote one of these Bug ridden dumps where life is Lower Then that in sing,sing,is a Lousy Bug infested Dump by the Name of The ST,Johns,Hospital,at 480,Herkimer,Street Brooklyn,at this Lousy Charity Robbing Joint these birds pays Engineers next to Nothing when you Get the wages below 3,Dollars a day For Engineers well we Begin to Sing That famous Song Sing,Sing My happy Home, at 871 Bushwick AVE,Queens this dump works 12,Hours a Day a Week 7 days a Week For less then 2,Dollars a Day for Engineers,at the ST,Marries Hospital Fort Washington AVE,at the East End of the George Washington Bridge This Bug ridden Lousy joint is a Tuf Dump in Every sence of the word,The Hebrew Home of the aged at Howard And Duemont,A E Brooklyn,is another Jew Dump that works 12,Hours a Day 7 Days a Week for a Lower Standard of liveing then that in,sing,Sing

The rockaway Beach Hospital,at Rockaway Beach is another Lousy Joint at 112,East 83,Street Manhattan is another Labor Robbing Joint,The ST,Johns Hospital,at 480 Herkimer,Street Brooklyn Heads the list of these Lousy Bug ridden Dumps that pa ys nothing,For Engineers a Long the many these heare given is only a Few,For you blind Guids to look Up as you Have no Excuse as you blind Racket Labor board Cant help but find these Lousy Joints with the aid of a Messenger Boy you Racket Board wont have any truble in findeing these Lousy joints if you Blind Guids in Washington Expects us 36,000,Gegestered voters to Vote the democrat or Republican ticket in the comeing Election you you Dumbells are going to be disapointed ,?,we all are voteing the socilist Labor Party ticket,Believe it or not,

Yours Truly
Issac Kibser,
address Kimberly,Motel,74,&,Broadway
Manhattan,NYC,No,answer,Please do something
NO,answer nessary,?,

Brooklyn ny December the 16,th,1939

Chairman of the N L R B,
Washington DC

Dear Sir

Now as there is nothing Left of the N L R B But the name You Birds Should Have it Easy Until the Over throw Comes on the Coming Election Day in 1940,at present time This Country is at an all time High as far as Production is concerned Yet we Have an all time Low Wage,Especially a Mong 36,000,Licensed Stationary Steam engineers in New York City these men are still working 12,Hours a Day 7 Days a Week,you Birds that Controls the National Labor Board Racket Cant See this i am Quite shore and you Blind Guids of course Could not Find these Places,so for you Blind Guids i am Giveing you Pips The names of these Labor Robbing Dumps a Long with their Street NO, &, adress,at these addresses Licensed Engineers are still working 12.

Hours a Day 7 Days a week for a Lower standard of liveing then that in with their Names and street NO, &,address you blind Guids Can with the aid of a Messenger boy find these Lousy dumps,Quote First comes the Hebrew Home of the aged at Howard & Duemont AVE, Brooklyn These Charity Thieves pays next to Nothing,Next comes another PUNCH of Labor Robbers at 871,Bushwick AVE Brooklyn,Next comes another Labor Robbing dump by the name of the ST,Marries Hospital at Fort Washington AVE on the hill at the East End of the George Washington Bridge you can Easy find this Bug infested Dump its so Rotten that You Blind Labor Leaders can Smell it ,Next comes a dirty Joint at 112,East 83,Street Next comes anothes Lousy Dump at 11, East 32,Street one Block from the Empire state Building.You Dum artists Should Easy find this Dump,Next comes The ST,Johns,Hospital at 480,Herkimer street Brooklyn,Next comes another PUNCH of Long faced Chairity thieves that Runs the Rockaway Beach Hospital,?,at Rockaway Beach,Li The louseyest Dump that Heads the List is the ST,Johns Hospital as giveing a Bove this Bug infested Joint pays next to Nothing for

engineers,?,i could Give you many pages of these Charity Robbing Thieves Street NO, &,And address,after you Blind Labor Leaders with the aid of a Mesenger Boy investigate these Lousy joints you will see at once That all that Exists of the N L R B is the name and a Big payeing Job For a Bunch of Blind Guids,its not communist that These Labor Robbers are Squawking a bout its a Last stand to Fool you Blind guids and Mental Criples,you Dumbells Had better see that Roosevelt Runs the 3,rd time this may stay off the Over throw That is long Over dew,we are not Voteing the Republican ticket or,The Dir Hard we are not Voteing for this Little Pinheaded John Garner This Poker playeing Whiskey Drinking Evil Old man is a die Hard in Other words J P Morgan would be president and this Drunken Old Man Could get Drunk and stay Drunk for 4,Years if roosevelt is lected 4,Years more it might stay off the Revolt thats Far Over dew Donch you think that some of you Political Ripvanwinkles Should tell The Rich Man that he has gawn to far,in fact these Wage slav Drivers Has Gawn as far as thay are going Until the Firing Squad Takes Them For that Last Mile Walk,?,These Legal Robbers should stop Worrieing a Bout the debt of the country what theseSlave Exploiters now Should worry a Bout if thay are still to have the Country,The Slaves are tired of seeing the Labor Racket Board Beaing Revised to Suit the Labor Robbers we are not Complaineing a Gainst Roosevelt He has Done all he can with his Rebels and diehards Under the Present Form of goverment he cant do no more ,Yours truly isaac,Kibser,Kimberly Hotel,at 74,Street &,Broadway,no answer Please do something????

Brooklyn NY December the 28,th 1939
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Washington DC

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Yours Truly

issac Kibser,

address Kimberly,Hotel,74,&,Broadway

Manhattan,NYC,No,answer,Please do something
NO,answer nessary,?,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **9-581**

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REPORT MADE AT <p style="text-align: center;">NEW YORK CITY</p>	DATE WHEN MADE <p style="text-align: center;">1/20/40</p>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <p style="text-align: center;">12/12/39</p>	REPORT MADE BY <p style="text-align: center;">L. LEVIN</p>
TITLE <p>JOHN ROGERS CHAIRMAN, N.L.R.B. - VICTIM. WAGE & HOUR ADMINISTRATION - VICTIM.</p>			CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">EXTORTION</p>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>Subject sent undated letter to Wage and Hour Administration, Washington, DC threatening in general terms to blow up some high-pressure boilers located in various charitable institutions in and around NYC. Subsequently forwarded letter to "Chairman of the National Labor Racket Board" in envelope postmarked New York City, October 25, 1939, enclosing clipping from NEW YORK TIMES relating to death of five babies in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, hospital. USA, SDNY of opinion letters constitute violation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p>			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York dated November 24, 1939 (Bureau file 62-55640).			
DETAILS: Transmitted with Bureau letter of reference were the following described documents: <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>RECEIVED</p> <p>FEB 1 10 25 AM '40</p> </div> <p>Original copy of undated letter addressed to the Wage and Hour Administration, Washington, DC, as follows:</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>P. E. Quinn Tamm</i></p> <p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p> </div>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>62-55640-7</p> <p>JAN 23 P.M.</p> </div>	
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"Gentlemen of Political affairs

"its allways Good for a Sneeze to Heare from you Birds of the Political Front Line of Baloney artists We Have Hurd so mutch of your Horse Redish,&,Burries Over the air and through the Papers that it Has become Just Ordinary Static,to us 36,000,Licensed Stationary Steam Engineers in New York,Just What do you Birds Mean by this wage Hour Stuff Do you Dum,artist in Washington Know that at this Present time that Thousands of Licensed Engineers are Working 12,Hours a Day 7,Days a Week For Less then 20, Cents an Hour in New york City i am shore that Even you Blind Guids at the Political Racket in Washington DC allredy Know this Heares a List of Charity Robbing Joints that Calls their Selves Hospitals,First on the list that Pays Engineers Less then 20 Cents an hour is a Lousy Jew Dump of a Hospital at 871,Bushwick,AVE Queens NYC,next to these Charity Thieves comes an other Bug,Riden Dump of a Hospital at 112.East 83,Street Manhattan,Next to this Jew Dump Comes an Other Jew Dump of a Hospital at Howard,&Duemont,AVE Brooklyn,EY the name of the Hebrew Home of the aged,NEXT to this is an Other Bunch of Charity Thieves that Operates the ST,Marries Hospital Fort Washington,AVE at the west End of the George Wasgington Bridge you wont Have any trouble of Findeing this Dump as its so Rotten that Even a Politician Can Smell it one Day Before Election,?,Next Comes The St Johns Hospital at 480,Herkimer,Street Brooklyn This Dump Pays Next to Nothing For Engineers in a 450,H,P,Plant of High Pressure Boilers if you Political Fornicators wish Us to Resort to Bloweing up some of these Charity Robbing Joints to Get as Mouth as 30,Cents an hour For Engineers this is one way that we can Atract you N,L,R,E, you National Labor Board Rackets attention Get it Streight theres a Lot of these Lousy Joints Thats Going up if you Labor Board Racketteers Cant see up 36,000,Licensed Engineers in NYC,Like it Or Few of these Charity Thieves that Pays Licensed Engineers Less then 20,Cents an hour, in NYC Believe it or Not, if us Engineers Wish to Join in with Communist Spies ve Can Get as Mutch as 30,Cents an hours For Licensed Engineers

Yours truly John,Rogers
305,West,End,AVE.NYC,Esplanade Hotel
at 74,Street,&,West,End,AVE,NYC

PS Hitlers Spies are so thick in NYC that these Birds Has to Ware

Badges to Keep From Spieing On Each Other if we are Forced to Fill in Line a Gainst our Own Country in Order to Get Engineers Wages its Up to You Politicalmissrepresentationest at Washington Like it or not The Engineers thats working For nothing in these Charity Robbing Dumps of Hospitals are all fed up on your Brand of Baloney if we Have to Fall in Line with the Communists and Blow up some of these High Pressure Boilers Ok,you will Heare from us in that Language WE all Voted for Roosevelt we thought that we would Get Helpxxxxxxxxx"

2. Photostatic copy of envelope addressed by the National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C. to Mr. John Rogers, Esplandde Hotel, 305 West End Ave., New York City, postmarked Washington, D. C. October 25, 8 p.m. This envelope bears the written notation "Not Here".

3. Photostatic copy of envelope bearing a cancelled 3 cent stamp Postmarked, New York, New York, October 25, 1939, 1:30 p.m., addressed to Chairman, of the N,L,R,B, Washington, DC

4. Photostatic copy of an undated letter addressed to the Chairman of the National Labor Racket Board, Washington, D. C., as follows:

"Dear Sir

"in Colsed find First Example of the way That 36,000,Licensed Engineers Has undertaking to Make the Charity Thieves Raise our wages in NYC you Birds of the National Labor Racket Poard Dont seem to want to Know that Thousands of Licensed Engineers in NYC are working For Less Then 20,Cents an Hour in these Charity Robbing Joints called Hospitals we Have started in to Make these Charity Thieves Set up and Take notice That we want a increase in Pay if we Have to Blow up these Charity thieves that Runs these Robbing Dumps of Hospitals

after you dum artists Reads this Peice of Parer Heare in closed, Hears What Realy Hapened The Threads on this air Valve was Reduced in Size BY Useing a File then the air Valve was Stuck in to the Hole of the Radiator and taped up and as soon as this Nurse left The Nursery This party Went down below and Opened up the BYpass

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Valve a Round The Reduceing Valve this BYpassed the Boiler,pressure Full Force on to the Radiator this Blowed out the air,Valve and it only took 20,seconds to fill the Nursery with Live Steam,i Suppose you Overeducated Morons of the Labor Racket board are to Mutch Uninformed a Bout any and all things as to know Just how Steam is aplyed to Radiators in Hospitals,Well heares the way it is done Say your Boilers Carried 125,LBS,Steam pressure the Steam is aplyed to Radiators over a Reduceing Valve thats set to Operate at from 5,to,15,LBS pressure on the radiator ,But in all Cases there is a Bypass a Round this Reduceing Valve that can be Opened up and put Full Boiler Pressure on the Radiators Get this in your Thick Head ,?,all Reduceing Valves Has this by pass this is for in case that the Reduceing Valve gets out of order thay can Let a Little steam a Round the Reduceing Valve while the Reduceing Valve is Beaing Repaired Theres Generaly a Steam Gauge in the Line between the Reduceing Valve and the Radiator The Engineer Opens up this BYpass Valve Just Enough to allow 5,LBS of Pressure to pass over i suppose you Overeducated Political,Morons Can Get the Operation of this as Heare described in to your Thick Heads,well this is How we are going to Make the charity Thieves That Runs Hospitals Raise Our wages From 20,Cents an Hour to one Dollar an hour you Labor Board Racketters cant see us 36,000 Engineers in NYC working 12,Hours a Day 7,Days a week For 60,Dollars a Month,well if we Have to join in with the Communists Spies to Get a Raise in pay,?,Ok,we will blow up Enough of these Charity Robers to Make these Fornicators take Notice i will Have More News for you Shortly in the way of Fires Floods and Explosions and other so Called Accidents if we Have to Resort to this we all Voted for Roosevelt Hopeing that He might do something for us well we are tired of this Starveation wateing,Hoover wages and Democratic prices

Yours Truly

John,Rogers Engineer,"

5. Photostatic copy of clipping from the NEW YORK TIMES, bearing heading "5 HOSPITAL BABIES KILLED BY STEAM", as follows: "6 Overcome in Sleep as Worn Valve on Radiator in Perth Amboy General Blows Out. 2Revived by Physicians but One Succumbs Later--The Defective Valve Had Been Taped, Investigator Finds. Nurse Daisy Maguiness visited the nursery of the Perth Amboy General Hospital at 1:30 o'clock this morning and found the six tiny occupants sleeping. When she returned a half hour later to take them to their mothers for

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the 2 A.M. feeding the nursery was white with steam and the babies unconscious.

"Five of the babies died despite desperate attempts to resuscitate them: two were revived, but one of these died early this evening. The infants who died were:

"The 5-day-old son of Sergeant and Mrs. John Rigg, Raritan Arsenal, Raritan Township.

"The 9-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jankowski, 23 Crampton Avenue, Woodbridge, N. J.

"The 10-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ruzala, 477 Miller Street, Perth Amboy.

"The 6-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hatarick, 371 Kirkland Place, Perth Amboy, who died at 7:30 this evening after having been revived earlier in the day.

"The 40-day-old daughter of an unwed mother.

"The child who was revived was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Abaray, 17 Herman Avenue, Carteret.

"Steam Valve Blew Out

"A steam valve on the nursery radiator had blown out in the interval between Mrs. Maguiness's visit at 1:30 and her return at 2 o'clock. The threads were worn and the valve had been taped with adhesive tape, which gave way under the heat and pressure, allowing the steam to fill the room."

The above letters and enclosures were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney RICHARD BURKE, of the Southern District of New York, who advised that in his opinion the letters constitute a violation of the extortion statute.

No description of the subject or victims is presently available.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

WASHINGTON OFFICE:

At the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor, will attempt to locate the original letter and envelope forwarded by the National Labor Relations Board to that division. This original letter and envelope should be forwarded to the Bureau laboratory for appropriate examination and analysis.

Also through the National Labor Relations Board, will secure the original letter forwarded on October 25, 1939

NEWARK OFFICE:

At PERTH AMBOY, NEW JERSEY, will make inquiry through the Perth Amboy General Hospital and the Police authorities to determine if they have any suspects or persons arrested in connection with the matter set forth in the NEW YORK TIMES clipping which is quoted herein.

NEW YORK OFFICE:

Will conduct appropriate investigation through the Esplanade Hotel, 305 West End Avenue, in an attempt to locate the author of these letters.

Will conduct such further investigation as appears advisable.

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February 19, 1940

RECORDED

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN ROGERS
CHAINMAN, N. L. R. B. - Victim
WAGE & HOUR ADMINISTRATION - Victim;
EXTORTION

There are enclosed herewith two photostatic copies of a letter dated December 16, 1939, signed "James Kibber". This letter was furnished to the Bureau by Miss Estelle S. Frankfurter, Administrative Assistant, National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C., and it is noted she previously furnished correspondence under date of October 28, 1939, in this matter. The evidence was submitted to the Laboratory and is listed below:

- Q4. Typewritten letter beginning "Now as there is nothing * *"
- Q1. Envelope postmarked "27, New York, New York, October 25, 1939, 1:30 P.M."
- Q2. Typewritten letter beginning "in Galand find first * *"
- Q3. Typewritten letter beginning "its always Good for a * *"

1 envelope postmarked "11, Washington, D. C., October 25, 1939, 8 P. M."
1 newspaper clipping entitled "5 Hospital Babies Killed by Steam"

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
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The Laboratory advised that the typewriting on specimens Q1, Q2 and Q4 was concluded to have been prepared on the same machine. A comparison with the standards on file in the Technical Laboratory has resulted in the conclusion that these three specimens were prepared on a typewriter equipped with Pica Monogram type with a horizontal letter spacing of ten letters per inch, manufactured by the Underwood Typewriter Company since 1934. The typewriting on specimen Q3 was concluded to have been prepared on a typewriter equipped with Remington Noiseless type, Elite style, having a horizontal spacing of twelve letters per inch.

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There are also submitted herewith copies of another letter dated December 28, 1939, transmitted to the Bureau by the National Labor Relations Board, which is likewise signed "Isaac Kibee". The original is being furnished to the Laboratory for appropriate examination.

The above is furnished for your information in connection with the investigation of this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, N. Y.**

FILE NO. **9-169 MML**

REPORT MADE AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	DATE WHEN MADE 2/16/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/2/40	REPORT MADE BY THOMAS B. ESTEP
TITLE JOHN ROGERS. CHAIRMAN, N.L.R.B. - VICTIM. WAGE & HOUR ADMINISTRATION - VICTIM.			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 300px;">Perth Amboy P. D. made no arrests and no one under suspicion for causing death of five babies in nursery of Perth Amboy General Hospital 10/23/39. Hospital authorities suspect no one. County Prosecutor stated incident caused by worn threads on air valve. Grand Jury indicted no one. JOE BROWN, Hospital night orderly, and three handymen eliminated as writers of extortion letter. Chief MURRAY threw away letter he received in October, 1939, from individual in Northern New Jersey enclosing clipping and offering services as stationary engineer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. LEVIN, New York, N. Y. 1/20/40.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DETAILS: RECEIVED - NEW YORK On inquiry at the Perth Amboy Police Department, Agent was advised by CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN MURRAY that no arrests had been made or anyone placed under suspicion in connection with the incident at the PERTH AMBOY GENERAL HOSPITAL, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on October 23, 1939, in which five babies were asphyxiated by steam escaping from</p>			
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a nursery room radiator from which the air valve, which had been held in place by a piece of adhesive tape, was blown off when steam was raised. He further advised that the Grand Jury had gone into the matter very thoroughly without fixing responsibility on anyone, and that it was his own opinion that the incident was due to lack of funds at the Hospital, and poor administration by MISS SARAH VAN GELDER, the Director, and SIDNEY RIDDLESTOFFER, President of the Board of Trustees of the hospital.

CHIEF MURRAY further stated that several days after the incident, he had received a letter from somewhere in Northern New Jersey, he could not recall the location but thought it was above Newark, in which the individual, who signed and dated the letter, wrote along the lines that it was "too damn bad that qualified stationary engineers were out of work and handymen did work on valves and radiators." This letter, he stated, had enclosed with it a clipping on the hospital incident from a Perth Amboy newspaper, but was thrown in the wastebasket along with several other letters from sympathizers and criticizers. He added that the letter might have been from Cliffside or Bloomfield, was about four pages long, in handwriting just above medium size, and contained an offer to come to Perth Amboy to help out as a qualified stationary engineer.

The Perth Amboy P. D. file on this tragedy was made available to the writer, who noted that it contained reports of the police officers as well as statements from all persons who the police and hospital board felt had anything to do with the incident; there were pictures of the nursery room and radiator valve, together with newspaper clippings commenting on the incident. According to one clipping, the County Prosecutor stated that the incident was caused by worn threads on the air valve, which someone attempted to keep in place with adhesive tape.

Of the four handymen at the General Hospital, statements had been taken from three. No statement was taken from the fourth one, JOSEPH BROWN, night orderly, as MISS VAN GELDER, when interviewed, stated the directors did not feel he had anything to do with the incident and that he was on duty October 25, 1939, which is the postmarked date of the letters mailed from Washington and New York to the N.L.R.B.

Statements of the other three employees disclosed that

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STEVE MASKOWITZ was employed by the hospital for six years as day fireman; that NICK PAZUK was employed for five years doing carpenter work and sometimes fixed steam radiator leaks, and that JOSEPH SZEMATOSKY was employed for thirteen years and was night fireman on the date of the incident.

None of these employees has a stationary boiler fireman's license, according to their statements and MISS VAN GELDER.

The night fireman receives a salary of \$78.60 per month and his work included helping JOE BROWN, the night orderly in the men's ward until BROWN'S discharge on December 12, 1939.

MISS SARAH VAN GELDER, Director of the PERTH AMBOY GENERAL HOSPITAL, stated that the hospital authorities had no suspicions as to anyone connected with the hospital or otherwise in connection with the nursery room incident, and that statements had been taken from all individuals whom the Board of Directors felt had any connection whatsoever with the matter. She added that the three handymen who were working for the hospital had been with it for a long time and were hired by her after personal interview. She has complete confidence in them and advised that she has no personnel file on them, but only a card showing the dates they were hired and their addresses, inasmuch as they are all local people, known to other hospital employees.

With regard to JOSEPH BROWN, MISS VAN GELDER advised he was working for the hospital at the time of the incident, but had subsequently been dismissed on December 12, 1939, for appearing at work in a drunken condition. She added that no statement was taken from him because the Board of Directors felt he had nothing whatsoever to do with it. According to CHIEF OF POLICE MURRAY, BROWN is a chronic drinker, who, if approached from the standpoint of sympathy over his discharge by the hospital, would probably open up to a Federal Agent, but that he would tell nothing to the local authorities as he had been arrested in 1932 for drunkenness and disliked the police very much.

The writer did not interview JOSEPH BROWN, because it was felt he could supply no information of value and the fact that he is apparently the type of individual who would take delight in

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re-opening the hospital incident which all the authorities feel is a closed matter.

MISS VAN GELDER further advised that she had received a letter from somewhere in New Jersey, perhaps ENGLEWOOD, from an individual who expressed himself very well and offered his services as a steam heating engineer.

In view of the commonness of the name, JOHN ROGERS, and the fact that CHIEF MURRAY does not recall the locality from which the letter was received, no further investigation is being conducted by this office in this matter.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

April 8, 1940.

WCH:MEW

62-55640

Special Agent in Charge
Washington, D. C.

RE: JOHN ROGERS
CHAIRMAN, N. L. R. B. - Victim;
WAGE & HOUR ADMINISTRATION - Victim;
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. LEVIN dated at New York City January 20, 1940, setting out undeveloped leads for your office to obtain original letters sent to the National Labor Relations Board in instant case.

For your information these letters were received by the Bureau from the National Labor Relations Board and appropriate laboratory examinations have been made and report forwarded to the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc New York

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 5/9/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/9,10/40	REPORT MADE BY L. LEVIN
TITLE CHANGED: JOHN ROGERS alias Isaac Kibser; CHAIRMAN, N.L.R.B., VICTIM WAGE AND HOUR ADMINISTRATION, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Two additional letters, one dated 12/16/39 and second dated 12/28/39, both at Brooklyn, NY addressed to victims in this case typewritten by ISAAC KIBSER, Kimberly Hotel, NYC, both dealing with same matters dealt with in letters quoted in reference report. No information developed either at Kimberly Hotel or Esplanade Hotel concerning identity of JOHN ROGERS OR ISAAC KIBSER. At Esplanade Hotel authorities furnished name of PATRICK J. LEVIN, formerly Chief Engineer who is suspended. At Kimberly Hotel authorities furnished name of CARL PFIEL, formerly fireman, discharged about 10/19/39, as suspect. Suspects to be located and interviewed.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent L. Levin, New York City, dated 1/20/40.
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the aid of a Mesenger Boy investigate these Lousy joints you will see at once That all that Exists of the N L R B is the name and a Big payeing Job For a Bunch of Blind Guids,its not communist that These Labor Robbers are Squawking a bout its a Last stand to Fool you Blind guids and Mental Criples,you Dumbells Had better see that Roosevelt Runs the 3,rd time this may stay off the Over throw That is long Over dew,we are not Voteing the Republican ticket or,The Dir Hard we are not Voteing for this Little Pinheaded John Garner This Poker playeing Whiskey Drinking Evil Old man is a die Hard in Other words J P Morgan would be president and this Drunken Old Man Could get Drunk and stay Drunk for 4,Years if roosevelt is Elected 4,Years more it might stay off the Revolt thats Far Over dew Donch you think that some of you Political Ripvanwinkles Should tell The Rich Man that he has gawn to far,in fact these Wage slay Drivers Has Gawn as far as thay are going Until the Fireing Squad Takes Them For that Last Mile Walk,?,These Legal Robbers should stop Worrieing a Bout the debt of the country what theseSlave Exploiters now Should worry a Bout if thay are still to have the Country,The Slaves are tired of seeing the Labor Racket Board Beaing Revised to Suit the Labor Robbers we are not Complaineing a Gainst Roosevelt He has Done all he can with his Rebels and diehards Under the Present Form of government he cant do no more ,,Yours truly isaac,Kibser,Kimberly Hotel,at 74,Street &,Broadway,no answer Please do something???? "

There was likewise transmitted by the Bureau an envelope post-marked New York, New York, October 25, 1939 1:30 P. M. and addressed to "Chairman,of the N,L,R,E, Washington, DC."

There were likewise transmitted two photostatic copies of a second letter dated December 28, 1939 and likewise signed ISAAC KIBSER. This letter is quoted as follows:

"Brooklyn NY December the 28,th 1939
to the National Labor Board Racket
Washington DC

Dear Sir .

a Few lines to you Blind Guides at the Wheel of the National Racket labor Board if you Blind guides cant see 36.000.Licensed Steam Engineers in New york city working 12 Hours a Day for a Lower standard of Liveing then that in sing,sing, you Birds should Resign to Earl Browder of Hitler,as nothing could be worse then the Existance of a Licensed Steam engineer in New york city,we work 12 Hours a Day 7,Days a week

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DETAILS: The title in this case is marked changed to include the alias of ISAAC KIBSER, who is apparently identical with subject JOHN ROGERS.

The Bureau letter of reference transmitted two photostatic copies of a letter dated December 16, 1939 signed ISAAC KIBSER, which letter had been furnished the Bureau by MISS ESTELLE S. FRANKFURTER, Administrative Assistant, National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C. This letter is quoted as follows:

" Brooklyn ny December the 16,th,1939

Chairman of the N L R B,
Washington DC
Dear Sir

Now as there is nothing Left of the N L R B But the name You Birds Should Have it Easy Until the Over_throw Comes on the Comeing Election Day in 1940,at present time This Country is at an all time High as far as Production is conserved Yet we Have an all time Low Wage,Especially a_Mong 36,000,Licensed Stationary Steam engineers in New york City these men are still working 12,Hours a Day 7 Days a Week,you Birds that Controlls the National Labor Board Racket Cant See this i am Quite shore and you Blind Guids of course Could not Find these Places,so for you Blind Guids i am Giveing you Rips The names of these Labor Robbing Dumps a_Long with their Street NO,&, adress,at these addresses Licensed Engineers are still working 12.

Hours a Day 7 Days a week for a Lower standard of liveing then that in with their Names and street NO,&,address you blind Guids Can with the aid of a Messenger boy find these lousy dumps,Quote First comes the Hebrew Home of the aged at Howard & Duemont AVE,Brooklyn These Charity Thieves pays next to Nothing,Next comes another Bunch of Labor Robbers at 871,Bushwick AVE Brooklyn,Next comes another Labor Robbing Dump by the name of the ST,Marries Hospital at Fort washington AVE on the hill at the East End of the George Washington Bridge you can Easy find this Bug infested Dump its so Rotten that You Blind Labor Leaders can Smell it ,Next comes a dirty Joint at 112.East 83,Street Next comes anothes Lousy Dump at 11,East 32,Street one Block from the Empire state Building.You Dum artists Should Easy find this Dump,Next comes The ST,Johns,Hospital at 480,Herkimer street Brooklyn,Next comes another Bunch of Long faced Chairity thieves that Runs the Rockaway Beach Hospital,?,at Rockaway Beach,Li The louseyest Dump that Heads the List is the ST,Johns Hospital as giveing a_Bove this Bug infested Joint pays next to Nothing for

engineers,?,i could Give you many pages of these Charity Robbing Thieves Street NO,&,And address,after you Blind Labor Leaders with

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For so long we Begin to think that they should do in Sing Sing as we do

Or Make room in sing sing For us Engineers as we are tired of working 12 hours a Day 7 Days a week?, i am shore you Wise Birds cant find these Lousy chisling Dumps so i will give you the name and the Street Number and address Quote one of these Bug ridden dumps where life is Lower Then that in sing, sing, is a Lousy Bug infested Dump by the Name of The ST, Johns, Hospital, at 480, Herkimer, Street Brooklyn, at this Lousy Charity Robbing Joint these birds pays Engineers next to Nothing when you Get the wages below 3, Dollars a day For Engineers well we Begin to Sing That famious Song Sing, Sing My happy Home, at 871 Bushwick AVE, Queens this dump works 12, Hours a Day a Week 7 days a Week For less then 2, Dollars a Day for Engineers, at the ST, Marries Hospital Fort Washington AVE, at the East End of the George Washington Bridge This Bug ridden Lousy joint is a Tuf Dump in Every sence of the word, The Hebrew Home of the Aged at Howard And Duemont, AVE Brooklyn, is another Jew Dump that works 12, Hours a Day 7 Days a Week for a Lower Standard of liveing then that in, Sing, Sing

The rockaway Beach Hospital, at Rockaway Beach is another Lousy Joint at 112, East 83, Street Manhattan is another Labor Robbing Joint, The ST, Johns Hospital, at 480 Herkimer, Street Brooklyn Heads the list of these Lousy Bug ridden Dumps that pays nothing, For Engineers a Mong the many these hearegiven is only a Few, For you blind Guids to look Up as you Have no Excuse as you blind Racket Labor board Cant help but find these Lousy Joints with the aid of a Messenger Boy you Racket Board wont have any truble in findeing these Lousy joints if you Blind Guids in washington Expects us 36,000, Gegestered voters to Vote the democrat or Republican ticket in the comeing Election you you Dumbulls are going to be disapointed, ?, we all are voteing the socilist Labor Party ticket, Believe it or not,

Yours Truly
issac Kibser,
address Kimberly, Hotel, 74, &, Broadway
Manhattan, NYC, No, answer, Please do something
NO, answer nessary, ?,

The Bureau letter states that the letter set forth above dated December 16, 1939, the envelope postmarked October 25, 1939, and the transmitted letter addressed to the Chairman of the National Labor Racket Board, Washington, D. C. and which starts: "in Colsed find First * *", were prepared on a typewriter

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equipped with Pica Monogram type with a horizontal letter spacing of ten letters per inch, manufactured by the Underwood Typewriter company since 1934.

The Bureau letter also advised that the letter set forth in the reference report which begins "its allways Good for a Sneeze --" was prepared on a typewriter equipped with Remington Noiseless type, Elite style, having a horizontal spacing of twelve letters per inch.

The letter quoted in this report and transmitted December 28, 1939 signed by ISAAC KIBSER was furnished the Bureau Laboratory by the Bureau for appropriate examination. The results will be incorporated in a subsequent report.

At the Esplanade Hotel, 305 West End Avenue, New York City an interview was had with MR. R. E. SIDLER, Manager and MR. R. S. WHITE, Auditor. These persons advised that there were no individuals either registered at the hotel or employed by the hotel under the name of JOHN ROGERS. They recalled, however, that sometime during the month of November, 1939 a person whom they believed to be a New York City detective appeared at the hotel to make inquiry about a JOHN ROGERS; that he had indicated to them that letter had been received signed by JOHN ROGERS to the effect that the Esplanade Hotel was to be blown up, and that as they recalled, the letter mentioned something about poor working conditions and poor salary for licensed steam stationary engineers. They were unable to recall the name of the particular detective or any place where he might be located.

During the course of further conversation with these gentlemen it was ascertained that from about the middle of July, 1939 up until the latter part of September, 1939 negotiations were pending with a local union for recognition; that there was no aggressiveness on the part of any of the employees, and that no hard feelings apparently existed between the employees and the management of the hotel. The negotiations were carried on in a peaceful and amicable manner, there being no picketing or attempts to cause strikes in connection with the negotiations. Negotiations were completed to everyone's satisfaction during the latter part of September, 1939. It would appear, therefore, that the letters would have no connection with any union activities.

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inasmuch as the letters commenced in the latter part of October, 1939.

Messrs. SIDLER and WHITE related, however, that there was formerly employed at the Esplanade Hotel a Chief Engineer by the name of PATRICK J. LAVIN who was dismissed from his position on October 16, 1939 as a result of inefficiency and presumptuousness. He had been employed by the hotel for seven years but nothing was known concerning his employment prior to that time.

The application form on file at the hotel reflects that this individual was born on October 28, 1893; that he is married, has two dependents, and was residing at 83-37 60th Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island. The records also reflected that he was receiving \$38.10 weekly plus meals.

The gentlemen have heard that subsequent to the time that LAVIN was discharged he was unable to secure another position and that he finally went on home relief. They have no information concerning his present capacity or placement point.

They recalled in connection with LAVIN that he apparently was prone to writing letters inasmuch as he, being a licensed stationary engineer, once communicated with the License Department of the City of New York advising them that an employee of the Esplanade Hotel was not a licensed engineer. They recalled further that the particular employee had on file at the time an application for the necessary license and that accordingly no action was taken with respect to the letter directed to the License Department by LAVIN.

For the purpose of completing the records, it is stated that these gentlemen, after checking records, advised that they did not know, and had never heard of any person named ISAAC KIBSER.

At Station N of the United States Post Office, 230 West 69th Street, New York City it was ascertained that there is no removal record on file for either ROGERS or KIBSER from the Esplanade Hotel.

Inquiry was made at the CREDIT BUREAU OF GREATER NEW YORK, 55 Fifth Avenue, New York City through MISS O'NEIL

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who after checking available records advised that she could not locate any credit report for either of the individuals with an address of the Esplanade Hotel.

Inquiry was likewise made through the Bond and Forgery Squad of the New York City Police Department where it was ascertained that according to police regulations all letters of a threatening nature must pass through that department where appropriate records are made. Upon request, Lieutenant JAMES PIKE in charge of the squad, caused the necessary search to be made, but this resulted negatively in the location of any letter having to do with the Esplanade Hotel, the National Labor Relations Board, or with the Wages and Hours Administration, nor was any record located of a letter written by a JOHN ROGERS.

Appropriate notations were made by Lieutenant PIKE who advised that if anything of a similar nature came to his attention, he would immediately notify this office.

At the Kimberly Hotel, 74th Street and Broadway, New York City interview was had with MR. ANDERSON, Night Clerk, who has been employed at the hotel for several years, and with MISS KELLY, telephone operator. They advised, after checking records, that there was no indication that any person by the name of JOHN ROGERS or ISAAC KIBSER had resided at the hotel. There was found, however, a record of one BENJAMIN P. ROGERS who resided at the hotel for approximately one year prior to October, 1938 and left a forwarding address for 1450 Beacon Street, Brookline, Massachusetts. This BENJAMIN P. ROGERS was a dress salesman, but the employees of the hotel did not know the concern with which he was connected. At the present time no further consideration is being given to BENJAMIN P. ROGERS.

Interview was also had with MR. EDWARD J. MILLER, Auditor at the Kimberly Hotel who, after checking records, advised that no person bearing the name of JOHN ROGERS or ISAAC KIBSER had ever been employed at the hotel in any capacity. He related that about a week prior to October 26, 1939 a fireman was discharged after working at the hotel for approximately one month. This individual's name was CARL PFIEL. He was discharged inasmuch as he was not licensed.

MR. MILLER could furnish no further information concerning this individual. He did advise that at the present time there is a Chief Engineer employed at the Kimberly Hotel named RICHARD WALSH. This individual was employed on October 26, 1939 at a salary of \$100 per month plus room, as a licensed engineer. He has never complained about his position, his small salary, or working hours. However, according to MR. MILLER, WALSH is of a boisterous type given to excessive drinking, but faithfully and satisfactorily performs all the duties in connection with his employment. MR. MILLER ascertained that WALSH has a continuous employment record since 1929 at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, the Marie Antoinette Hotel, the Wentworth Hotel, the Century Hotel, and previously at the Kimberly Hotel. MR. MILLER further informed that WALSH is believed to be an ex-Navy man and travels around with rather a loose and boisterous crowd.

It was observed during the course of the interview that there are available in the Auditor's office two typewriters, one a Royal and the other an Underwood, but the Underwood was damaged during September, 1939 and cannot operate. MR. MILLER also advised that he definitely knows that WALSH has no personal typewriter in his room at the hotel.

MR. MILLER furnished the following description of RICHARD WALSH:

Age	36
Height	About 5' 11"
Weight	About 175 lbs.
Hair	Sandy
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Red
Nationality	Irish
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	Stationary engineer

At Station N of the United States Post Office, previously mentioned, it was ascertained that there was no record of removal for either JOHN ROGERS or ISAAC KIBSER from the Kimberly Hotel.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At New York City will report the results of the laboratory examination of the letter dated December 28, 1939 signed ISAAC KIBSER.

At New York City will locate for interview PATRICK J. LAVIN, 83-37 60th Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island at which time it should be determined if he has or has had access to an Underwood or Remington typewriter in which event appropriate specimens should be taken.

Will also through the Hotel Walton ascertain information concerning CARL PFIEL who should be questioned along similar lines.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

LL:MER
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June 3, 1940

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN ROGERS, with alias;
CHAIRMAN, N.L.R.B. - Victim;
WAGE AND HOUR ADMINISTRATION - Victim;
GOVERNOR HERBERT H. LEHMAN - Victim;
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith a photostatic copy of an envelope postmarked October 21, 1939, Station W, New York, N. Y., bearing a canceled two-cent stamp and addressed "Private mail only, Gov, H. Lehman, Albany, NY"; a photostatic copy of a letter dated "Brooklyn NY October the" and starting "it will be Just to Bad . . .", signed John Rogers; also a photographic copy of latent fingerprints developed from the above-described letter.

It is respectfully requested that an attempt be made to determine if the type-writing on the envelope and letter are identical with the typewriter previously used in this matter. It is also requested that the latent fingerprints transmitted herewith be searched through the Bureau's single fingerprint file.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth

P. E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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RE NEW YORK FILE NO. 9-581

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FROM

SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

DATE 2/18 1940

TO: _____	Mr. Ladd	_____	Mr. Pursell
_____	Mr. Q. Tamm	_____	Mrs. Rixse
_____	Mr. Coffey	_____	Mr. Robyak
_____	Mr. Buckley	_____	Mr. Upton
_____	Mr. Delavigne	_____	Mr. Wilson
_____	Mr. Engert	_____	Mrs. Withers
_____	Mr. Hennrich	_____	Assembly
_____	Mr. Andrews	_____	Card Index
_____	Mr. Deiss	_____	Chief Clerk
_____	Mr. Fallon	_____	Files Section
_____	Mr. Ground	_____	Laboratory
_____	Mr. J. Kleinkauf	_____	Mail Room
_____	Mr. Knowles	_____	Mechanical Section
_____	Mr. Latona	_____	Posting Section
_____	Mrs. McPhail	_____	Recording Section
_____	Mr. Ott	_____	Technical Section
_____	Mr. Peterson	_____	Typing Section
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See Me _____
 Please File _____
 Please Handle _____
 Block & Route _____
 Block & Return _____

A. T. Potter
 Room #1420 Br. #125

now and dont forget my advice a bout th

Yours truly John Rogers
address 305, West End AVE NYC
PS i am not Known by this Name Ha

No Finger Prints on this Letter it has
Been wiped off

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK, NEW YORK**

NY FILE NO. **9-581**

MER

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 6/3/40	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/22; 5/31/40	REPORT MADE BY L. LEVIN
TITLE CHANGED: JOHN ROGERS, alias Isaac Kibser; CHAIRMAN, N. L. R. B. - Victim; WAGE AND HOUR ADMINISTRATION - Victim; GOVERNOR HERBERT H. LEHMAN - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information concerning CARL PFIEL available at the Payroll Department of Immigrant Savings Bank, New York City. New York City Police Department furnished photostatic copy of letter addressed to Victim, Governor LEHMAN, likewise signed by JOHN ROGERS in tone similar to previous letters. New York City PD also furnished photograph of latent fingerprints. Letter and fingerprints being forwarded to Bureau for appropriate examination.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. LEVIN, New York City, dated 5/9/40.

DETAILS: The title in this case is being changed to add Governor HERBERT H. LEHMAN as a victim.

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The reference report reflects that an interview was had with ~~WILLIAM EDWARD MILLER~~ MILLER, auditor, Kimberly Hotel, 74th Street and Broadway, New York City. Subsequent to that interview Mr. MILLER communicated with Agent and advised that the information concerning CARL PFIEL would be available through a Mr. FITZPATRICK in the Payroll Department of the Immigrant Savings Bank, New York City, Mr. FITZPATRICK's office being in Room 624 of that building.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. Foxworth</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> COPIES DESTROYED 4 882 OCT 26 1964 3 Bureau 4 New York (1 USA SDNY) </div> <div style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"> 62-5540-12 JUN 26 1940 1940 TWO </div> </div>
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He stated that Mr. FITZPATRICK had located an application form for CARL PFIEL and would be only too glad to make this information available.

The reference report likewise reflects that an interview was had with Lieutenant JAMES PIKE in charge of the Bomb and Forgery Squad, who caused a search to be made in an attempt to locate letters having been directed by ROGERS or KIBSER to the victims listed in the body of this report. Subsequent to that attempt Detective O'MALLEY of the Bomb and Forgery Squad communicated with the writer and advised that there had been located in his files a letter signed by JOHN ROGERS but in which the victim was Governor LEHMAN. Detective O'MALLEY furnished Agent with a photostatic copy of the envelope and its contents. The envelope was postmarked October 21, 1939, Station W, New York City, and bears a canceled two-cent stamp and is addressed as follows: "Private mail only, Gov, H, Leahman, Albany, NY". The letter itself is quoted as follows:

"Brooklyn NY October the

Governor H, Leahman

Albany, NY

Dear Sir

it will be Just to Bad for your Lousy Hide if you Fail to do Something a Bout the Miserable Conditions of the 36,000, Licensed Engineers in NYC we Expect you to do something at once Besides put up a Sham Battle a gainst Labor if its Action you Lousy Jews want you will get it and at Once, Talking a Bout Hotel Fires and Boilers beaing Blowed up, you Lousy Charity Robers that Runs these Bug Ridden Joints called Hospitals are Now dew for a Little Excitment Heares a List of Hospitals that Going to get the Woiks, First Comes the Lousy Joint of the Hebrew Home of The aged at Howard & Duemont AVE, Brooklyn this Lousy Jew dump is to be Blowed off of the Map in the Near Future Next comes a Lousy Catholic Dump of a Hospital on Fort washington AVE, at the west End of The George Washington Bridge this is the ST, Maries Hospital, the Next Jew Dump of a Hospital is at 871 Bushwick AVE Brooklyn, The Next one is The Rockaway Beach Hospital, At Rockaway Beach, L, i, the Next Bunch of Charity Robers thats dew to go Skyward by Danimite is the Bug ridden Joint called the ST, Johns, Hospital at 480, Herkimer ST, Brooklyn, the Next Jew Dump of a Hospital to be Blowed up is the Park, East, Hospital at 112, East 83, ST, Manhattan the Next in Line to go up in Smoke is the Esplanade Hotel, at 305, West End AVE, these hotel Thieves Pays nothing for Engineers at all, the wages is Far below Messenger boys wahes

"The next Jew dump of a Joint to go up in Smoke is the Stratford, Hotel at 11, East 32, ST, Manhattan, The next Hotel that on the List at present is a Lousy bunch of Labor robbers at the Oldcott Hotel, Centrel, Park East, Near 75, ST 7 Central park West, you Lousy Jew Labor Robbers that dont pay Licensed Engineers as Motch as a Mesenger boy you Birds are now Listed to Heare from the Engineers of NYC, Like it or not Unless your Hide is Mighty tough you better invest in a Bullet proof Vest and take out some More life inshurence i am out of a Job now and dont forget my advice a Bout the Vest

Yours truly John, Rogers
address 305, West End AVE NYC
PS i am not Knownen by this Name Heare

No Finger Prints on this Letter it has
Been wiped off"

Detective O'MALLEY also furnished the writer with a photograph of several latent fingerprints which had been developed as a result of processing the above-quoted letter.

The photostatic copy of the envelope and letter and the photographic copy of the latent fingerprints are being forwarded to the Bureau for the purpose of ascertaining if the typewriting appearing on these documents is identical with the typewriting appearing on other letters received in this case and also to have the latent fingerprints searched through the single fingerprint file. It is here observed that Detective O'MALLEY informed that the latent fingerprints had been searched through the New York City Police Department single fingerprint file without effecting identification.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

New York Field Office

At New York, New York

* Will report the results of the laboratory examination of the letter dated December 28, 1939 signed ISAAC KIBSER.

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* Will locate for interview PATRICK J. LAVIN, 83-37 - 60th Avenue, Elmhurst, Long Island, at which time it should be determined if he has or has had access to an Underwood or Remington typewriter in which event appropriate specimens should be taken.

* Will also through the Hotel Walton ascertain information concerning CARL PFIEL who should be questioned along similar lines.

Will also report results of the laboratory examination of the letter quoted herein and of the search of the latent fingerprints.

- P E N D I N G -

LSJ:EC

June 14, 1940

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62-55640-11 ✓

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: John Rogers, with alias;
Chairman, National Labor Relations Board -
Victim; Wage and Hour Administration -
Victim; Governor Herbert H. Lehman -
Victim; Extortion.

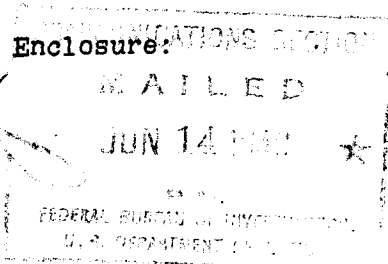
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau June 5, 1940.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Handwritten notes and signatures, including "EWS" and "RDS".

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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EWS:EG

June 14, 1940

Laboratory Report

Case: John Rogers, with alias; Chairman,
National Labor Relations Board - Victim;
Wage and Hour Administration - Victim; Governor
Herbert H. Lehman - Victim; Extortion. Number: 62-55640-11

Specimens: Q5. Photostatic copy of front of envelope postmarked "New York, New York,
Station W, October 21, 1939, 5:30 P. M."
Q6. Photostatic copy of accompanying letter beginning "it will be***".
Photographic copy of latent fingerprints developed from the
above-mentioned letter.

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 6/5/40

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination: Examination by: Miller

It has been concluded that specimens Q5 and Q6 were written on the same typewriter as specimens Q1, Q2 and Q4. Specimen Q3 has not been written on the same typewriter as was used in writing these other specimens.

Specimens Q1 through Q4 were submitted by Estelle S. Frankfurter, Administrative Assistant, National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C. Specimens Q1 through Q3 were submitted under date of October 28, 1939, and specimen Q4 was submitted under date of December 18, 1939.

The original evidence submitted is being retained in the files of the Laboratory for use in any subsequent examinations which may be desired.

A separate report is being submitted concerning the fingerprint examination requested.

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- 2 - New York
- 1 - Laboratory

EWS

June 12, 1940

LJF:MC

62-55640-11

RECORDED

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: JOHN ROGERS, with alias
CHAIRMAN, N. L. R. B., VICTIM
WAGE AND HOUR ADMINISTRATION,
VICTIM
GOVERNOR HERBERT H. LEHMAN,
VICTIM
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 3, 1940, submitting a photographic copy of latent fingerprints developed in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the impressions appearing in the photograph have been examined and four, which are those of fingers, have been found to be of value for comparison purposes. None of these impressions contain sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and search through the Bureau's single fingerprint file.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Pennington _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Adm. Files _____
Pers. Files _____
Tour Room _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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Handwritten initials and signatures: "JP", "BT", and a signature.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 6-6-40 2:30 P.M.

Re: **John Rogers, with alias;**
Chairman, N. L. R. B. - Victim;
Wage and Hour Administration - Victim
Governor Herbert H. Lehman - Victim
Extortion

Lab. # **39899**
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File # **62-55640-11**

Examination requested by: **New York**

Date of reference communication: **6-3-40**

Date blocked: **6-5-40 ft**

Examination requested: **Document-Fingerprint**

Result of examination:

Examination by: **MILLER**
Fallon

62-55640-11Specimens submitted for examination

- Q5 Photostatic copy of front of envelope postmarked New York, N. Y. Sta W Oct 21, 1939 5:30 PM.
Q6 Photostatic copy of accompanying letter beginning "it will be Just...".

Photographic copy of latent fingerprints developed from the above mentioned letter.

*To files 6-7
Called files 6-7*

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none for sch.*

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*W. J. Miller
J. Fallon*

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

RCF:AWK
~~62-58216-1419~~
lab. 39325

Washington, D. C.

December 11, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Isaac Kibser; Letter
Addressed to
President Roosevelt.

On December 7, 1940 Mr. E. W. Youngs of the Defense Unit transmitted a letter to the Technical Laboratory with the request that the handwriting appearing on the letter be searched through the file containing espionage handwritings. The questioned letter was addressed to President Roosevelt and contained a suggestion for more speed for defense, and no aid to England. This evidence is listed in the laboratory's files as follows:

62-58216-1419 Q6, Envelope postmarked "Brooklyn, New York, November 25, 1940, 9:30 P. M." addressed to "President Roosevelt, Washington, D. C.".

Q7, First sheet of accompanying letter, being of white, unlined paper, handwritten on one side, beginning "if you want to bring....".

Q8, Second sheet of accompanying letter, being of white, unlined paper, handwritten on one side, beginning "do a way with that crazy...".

Stapled to above letter, when received in laboratory from Mr. Youngs, was a small piece of paper on which was handwritten in blue the following "Suggestion for more speed for defense--No aid to England".

Behind file
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Memo for Mr. Ladd

The handwriting appearing on the submitted evidence was searched through the anonymous letter file of the Bureau, the file of espionage writings and the file of anonymous communications to Departmental Officials without effecting an identification. Appropriate photographic copies will be placed in all three files in the event that additional writings of this same individual are received for examination in the laboratory.

The original evidence is attached hereto for whatever disposition the Investigative Unit deems proper.

Respectfully,


E. P. Coffey.

Addendum: Photographic copies of specimens Q6 through Q8 are being retained in the laboratory.

LIL:KLW

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

December 23, 1940

Mr. Ladd

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: JOHN ROGERS;
MRS. FRANCES PERKINS,
(MISS FRANCES PERKINS),
VICTIM; EXTORTION

Latent

There is submitted herewith a letter dated December 5, 1940 from Brooklyn, New York, signed John Rogers, addressed to the victim in the captioned case, together with the envelope in which this communication was mailed.

It is suggested that the Technical Laboratory process these specimens for latent fingerprints and also search them through the anonymous communication file. Copies of the Laboratory's report should be submitted to the New York Field Division.

Respectfully,

L. L. Laughlin
L. L. Laughlin.

Attachment.

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January 9, 1941

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STH:AMK

63-55640-13X
Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: John Rogers;
Mrs. Frances Perkins
(Miss Frances Perkins) - Victim;
Extortion.

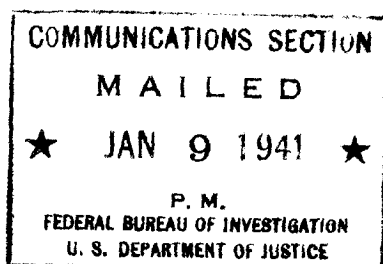
Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above-entitled matter and transmitted by your communication dated December 23, 1940.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure



STH:AWK

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

January 9, 1941

Laboratory Report

File # 9-7088-1

Re: John Rogers;
Mrs. Frances Perkins,
(Miss Frances Perkins) - Victim;
Extortion.

Lab # 39705

Examination requested by: Bureau (Answered to New York)

Reference: letter of 12-23-40

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

Holland

- Q1, Envelope postmarked "New York, New York, December 5, 1940, 10:30 A. M."
Q2, First sheet of accompanying letter dated December 5, 1940 beginning "as you are you should...".
Q3, Second sheet of above letter beginning "Your own Lousey Hide....".

The evidence listed above was transmitted to the laboratory from the Investigative Division under date of December 23, 1940.

Specimen Q1 is a white bond finish envelope measuring 9.50 to 9.53 by 4.14 to 4.18". It is .0043" thick, weighs 5.432 grams, and contains no watermark. The address appearing on Q1 is written in script with blue-black ink.

Specimen Q2 is a sheet of white bond finish paper which measures 10.91 to 10.95" by 8.47". This specimen contains no watermark, is .0027" thick, and weighs 3.319 grams. The message appearing on Q2 is written in script with a blue-black ink.

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Specimen Q3 is a sheet of white bond finish paper which measures 10.94 to 10.95 by 8.48". It is .0027" thick, weighs 3.533 grams and contains no watermark. The message appearing on Q3 is written in script with blue-black ink.

The handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 was compared with the handwriting appearing in the anonymous letter file contained in the laboratory but the examiner found nothing of particular interest or of such significance as would suggest field investigation. A photographic copy will be placed in this file and in the event of a future identification your office will be advised.

Specimens Q1 through Q3 were treated for the development of latent fingerprints and a report on this examination will be submitted separately.

Photographic copies of specimens Q1 through Q3 are being transmitted to your office herewith.

The original evidence is being retained in the files of the laboratory.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

1 Bureau
2 New York
1 Laboratory

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Date 12-24 1940

FROM: Technical Laboratory

TO: Single Fingerprint Section

Case Number:

No latent fingerprints developed

Iodine prints developed on

Silver nitrate prints on

___Identiscope negatives attached hereto.

REMARKS:

E. P. Coffey

By:

Examiner

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62-55640-13x
Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

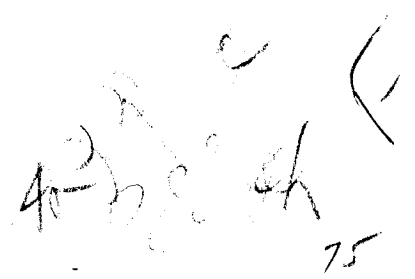
Q 1 Envelope postmarked "New York, N. Y. Dec 5, 1940
10:30 AM"

Q 2 First sheet of accompanying letter dated December 5,
1940, beginning "as ...you are you should..."

Q 3 Second sheet of above letter beginning "Your own Lousy
Hide...".

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Egan _____
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

(Recorded 12-27-40 11:00 A.M. chp)

Re: John Rogers;
Mrs. Frances Perkins,
(Miss Frances Perkins),
Victim; Extortion

Lab. # 39705
File # 9-7088-1

Examination requested by: (Supervisor L. L. Laughlin) Ans to N.Y.

Date of reference communication: 1st 12-23-40

Date blocked: 12-25-40 ft

Examination requested: Document-Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: HOLLAND
Ott

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "New York, N. Y. Dec 5, 1940 10:30 AM."
- Q2 First sheet of accompanying letter dated Dec 5, 1940 beginning "as ...you are you should..."
- Q3 Second sheet of above letter beginning "Your own Lousey Hide..."

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

9-581
CAB:JR

March 18, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: JOHN ROGERS, was. Isaac Kibser, "Charley's Friend"
CHAIRMAN, N.L.R.B. - Victim
WAGE & HOUR ADMINISTRATION - Victim
GOV. HERBERT H. LEHMAN - Victim
MRS. FRANCES PERKINS - Victim
MAYOR F. H. LA GUARDIA - Victim
PRESIDENT F. D. ROOSEVELT - Victim;
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a photostatic copy of a two-page typewritten letter dated July 31, 1940, addressed to "Mayor LaGuardia" and signed "Charley's Friend", which, because of its similarity of content, is being included in the above entitled case. This letter was recently obtained from the Bomb Squad of the New York Police Department, which is retaining the original letter in its files.

There are also enclosed three specimens of handwriting believed to be that of a John Rogers residing at Bellemore, Long Island, who is suspected of writing the letters involved in this case. These include a Christmas card and a letter addressed to Robert Martin, Vice President of the Citizens' Savings Bank of New York, Rogers' former employer. These specimens were turned over to Special Agent C. A. Braathen of this office by Assistant Vice President Marklein of the Bank and are to be returned to him by this office when they have served their purpose in the laboratory examinations. The third handwriting specimen is a photostatic card, copy of a Change of Address Card, the original of which is on file at a New York City branch post office.

In a review of the New York file on this case, it has been noted that communications from the Bureau bear Bureau file numbers 100-6033, 62-55640, 62-59486 and 9-7088. It is suggested that the Bureau consolidate these in 9-7088.

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It is noted that the Laboratory conducted document examinations under Technical Laboratory numbers 35899, 37402 and 39705. It is requested that the Laboratory compare the handwriting appearing under numbers 37402 and 39705 with the specimens enclosed herewith and compare, if possible, the typewriting of 35899 with the questioned typewriting specimen enclosed herewith, which begins "as you Perhaps" and continues to the second page which begins "Talk, as a Proswades". In this connection, it might be noted that the New York Office has not received a report of the examination of the questioned specimen (set out in full in report of Special Agent L. Levin, dated 5/9/40 at New York City) dated December 28, 1939, which begins "a Few lines to you Blind". This specimen also should be compared with the typewritten specimens mentioned above.

It is noted that the Single Fingerprint Section stated in Bureau letter to the New York Office dated June 12, 1940 (Bureau file 62-55640) that four of the photographed fingerprint impressions submitted were of value for comparison purposes. In Bureau letter to the New York Office dated January 10, 1941 (Bureau file 9-7088) the Single Fingerprint Section stated that two fingerprint impressions of value for comparison purposes had been developed. It is requested that a comparison be made between these two sets of latent impressions.

It has been learned from the New York City office of the United States Secret Service that the writer of these letters has addressed numerous letters of a similar nature to President Roosevelt, and as a result of this investigation the original letters in possession of the Secret Service at Washington, D. C. have been consolidated into Secret Service file WH-10607-S.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett
B. E. SACKETT *1209*
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosures (4)

cc: 62-55640

April 2, 1941

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9-7083 - 2

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: JOHN ROGERS, with aliases, Isaac Kibser
"Charley's Friend"; CHAIRMAN, N. L. B. B. -
Victim; WAGE AND HOUR ADMINISTRATION -
Victim; GOVERNOR HERBERT H. LEHMAN - Victim
MRS. FRANCES PERKINS - Victim; MAYOR F. H.
LA GUARDIA - Victim; PRESIDENT F. D.
ROOSEVELT - Victim; EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 18, 1941,
requesting that the latent impressions in Bureau file #62-55640
be compared with the latent impressions previously developed in
connection with the above-entitled case, your file #9-31.

You are advised that the requested comparisons have been
made without effecting an identification.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

- Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
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Date Recorded: 3-26-41 11:30 A.M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: JOHN ROGERS was. Isaac Kibser, "Charley's
Friend"; CHAIRMAN, N.L.R.B. - Victim
WAGE & HOUR ADMINISTRATION - Victim
GOV. HERBERT H. LEHMAN - Victim
Specimens: MRS. FRANCES PERKINS - Victim
MAYOR F. H. LaGUARDIA - Victim
PRESIDENT F. D. ROOSEVELT - Victim;
EXTORTION

Number: 9-7088-2

Requested that the latents in Bureau File #62-55640 be compared
with the latents in Bureau File #9-7088.

Examination requested by: New York

Date received: 3-21-41 fja (Rec'd. from Lab. 3-26-41)

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Ott

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For files 3-26.

To C. I. for card. 3-26.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

9-581
CAB:MJR

April 22, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: WESLEY HAMPTON with aliases;
CHAIRMAN, N.L.R.B., ET AL,
Victims; EXTORTION
(Bureau File 9-7088)

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith ten pages of the handwriting of subject WESLEY HAMPTON which pages are numbered as specimens 1 - 8b as well as a two-page letter which is unlabeled, the first page of which is dated at Brooklyn, New York, on April 17, 1941, and is addressed to "Dear Sister Margie," and the second page of which begins "possible I will drive out" as well as a calling card of WESLEY HAMPTON which was enclosed with this letter, which in turn was enclosed in an envelope addressed to MARGARET E. CUMMINS, which envelope is also enclosed.

The above-mentioned handwriting specimens were obtained from HAMPTON while he was being interviewed in connection with instant case and the letter was in his possession at that time and is being forwarded inasmuch as it is believed that it presents a better specimen for comparison since HAMPTON appeared to be trying to disguise his handwriting while writing the specimens 1 - 8b. It is requested that the Laboratory compare the handwriting submitted herewith with the handwriting appearing on specimens Q1, Q2 and Q3 submitted in connection with this case formerly entitled, "JOHN ROGERS; Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS, Victim; EXTORTION (Bureau File 9-7088)" referred to in Laboratory report #39,705 dated January 9, 1941. It might be noted that the questioned specimens consist of an envelope and a two-page letter dated December 5, 1940.

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It should be noted that the handwriting specimens numbered 1 - 8b were all written by WESLEY HAMPTON with his own fountain pen and that an unlimited supply of paper was given to him and no limitation was placed upon him as to the use of the paper or the spacing of the letter. No punctuation, capitalization of

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or spelling was indicated to him in any way except as hereinafter noted. It might also be noted that HAMPTON in preparing these specimens wrote rather slowly and shakily and that in specimen #1 HAMPTON was told to capitalize Europe the second time it was written and was told to write out the "President" in President ROOSEVELT. After writing specimens #1 and #2, HAMPTON was interviewed further before writing specimens #3a and #3b and it was noted during the dictation of #3a and #3b that HAMPTON hesitated after writing "Dec." before writing "5"; that he questioned the use of "this" in the phrase "this blind guides"; that he questioned the meaning of the word "fornicators"; that he said the letter read like the speeches of Senators NYE and WHEELER; that he attributed the writing of the letter to one ISAAC KIBSER upon hearing the passage about the engineers in New York City; that when the end of the letter mentioning JOHN ROGERS was dictated, he then attributed the letter to ROGERS. In the dictation of #3b it should be noted that the passage "but by the engineers in NYC" was dictated exactly that way, rather than as "New York City."

It should be noted that subject HAMPTON is apparently insane to some extent and was committed on April 18, 1941, to Bellevue Hospital for observation and that he is presently under \$1,000.00 bond in instant case.

There is also transmitted herewith a copy of the fingerprints of HAMPTON, and it is requested that the single fingerprint section compare these with the latent fingerprints available in instant case.

It might be noted further that the New York field division is now in possession of handwriting specimens and fingerprints of JOHN ROGERS of Bellmore, L. I. who formerly was considered as a suspect in instant case, but in view of HAMPTON's apparent responsibility, these handwriting specimens and fingerprints are not being forwarded to the Bureau at the present time and are being placed in New York file 9-581.

When the two-page letter and envelope addressed to MARGARET E. CUMMINS have served their purpose, these items and the calling card of HAMPTON should be returned to the New York division.

Encl.

Very truly yours,

B. E. Sackett
B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

May 10, 1941

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: WESLEY HAMPTON WITH ALIASES
CHAIRMAN, N. L. R. B., ET AL
VICTIMS; EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 22, 1941, transmitting, together with handwriting specimens, the fingerprints of Wesley Hampton for comparison with the latent impressions previously developed in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #9-581.

You are advised that the latent impressions previously developed have been compared with the fingerprints submitted, but no identification could be effected.

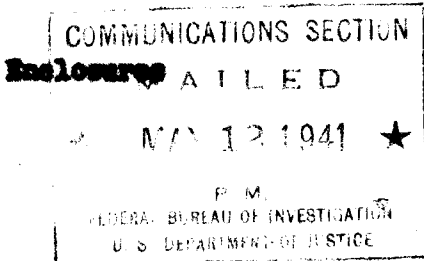
A search of the fingerprints of Hampton through the main fingerprint files of the Bureau's Identification Division has disclosed a prior criminal record for this individual, transcripts of which are enclosed.

You are being separately advised as to the result of the laboratory examination conducted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Recorded 5-1-41 11:30 A.M.

Re: **Wesley Hampton with aliases;**
Chairman, K. L. R. E., ET AL,
VICTIMS: KIDNAPING
(~~Samson-File-4-2000~~)

Lab. #
File # **47206**
62-55640-18

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Examination requested by: **New York, New York**Date of reference communication: **4/22/41 Letter**Date blocked: **4/23/41**Examination requested: **Document**

Result of examination:

Examination by: **Feehan 1**
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Specimens submitted for examination

- K-7 thru K-26** Ten pages of the known handwriting of subject Wesley Hampton, all of the specimens are written one side of the paper in ink, each sheet identified by the K number on the back.
- K-17** One envelope bearing the purported hand writing of the subject Wesley Hampton addressed to "Margaret E. Cummins, Box 1304.....".
- K-18** First sheet of accompanying letter bearing the purported hand writing of the subject Wesley Hampton, beginning, "I rec your most welcome letter...."
- K-19** Second sheet of accompanying letter bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton, beginning, "Possibly I will drive out to....."
- K-20** Enclosed in envelope is a small card identified as, "Wesley Hampton Electric & Steam Engineer.....".

Also submitted is a fingerprint card bearing the fingerprints of "Hampton Wesley".

Two-page letter and envelope addressed to Margaret E. Cummins are to be returned.

For file 5-3.

Lat. prev. devel. compar. with the fpts of
Wesley Hampton 7, 13, 9, 22, 84, 549,
With neg. result

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WESLEY HAMPTON WAS JOHN ROGERS, ISAAC KIBSER, QUOTE CHARLEYS FRIEND
UNQUOTE - CHAIRMAN, NLRB, ET AL VICEX. AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED
USC SDNY TODAY ON LETTER TO MRS. FRANCES PERKINS DATED DEC FIVE NINE
TEEN FORTY. HAMPTON TURNED OVER TO USM, FAILURE TO POST ONE THOUSAND
DOLLAR BOND. EXPECTED TO BE COMMITTED TOMORROW MORNING TO BELLEVUE
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TO PRESS FACTS CONCERNING APPREHENSION.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

April 18, 1941

Transmit the following message to: SAC
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WESLEY HAMPTON WAS JOHN ROGERS, ISAAC KIBSER, ET AL VIKEX. YOU ARE
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WESLEY^D HAMPTON, WAS, CHAIRMAN NLRB ET AL VICEX. HAMPTON COMMITED TODAY
TO BELLEVUE HOSPITAL FOR TEN DAYS OBSERVATION.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **New York, New York**

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FILE NO. 9-581

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REPORT MADE AT New York, N. York	DATE WHEN MADE 4/24/41	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/5, 11, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24; 4/11-13, 17, 18/41	REPORT MADE BY 18. C. A. BRAATHEN
TITLE WESLEY HAMPTON, alias: John Rogers, Isaac Kibser, "Charley's Friend"; CHAIRMAN N. L. R. B., Victim; WAGE & HOUR ADMINISTRATION, Victim; GOV. HERBERT H. LEHMAN, Victim; Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS, Victim; MAYOR F. H. LaGUARDIA, Victim; President F. D. ROOSEVELT, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WESLEY HAMPTON interviewed, handwriting specimens and fingerprints obtained and forwarded to Bureau. Authorized complaint filed 4/17/41; hearing waived; HAMPTON turned over to custody USM in default \$1,000 bond 4/17/41 and committed to Bellevue Hospital 4/18/41 for ten days' observation.			
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REFERENCE:		Letter from New York to Bureau dated March 18, 1941; report of Special Agent L. Levin dated at New York June 3, 1940.	
DETAILS:		The title of this case is being changed, and it is noted that the last report carried this case as: "JOHN ROGERS alias Isaac Kibser; CHAIRMAN, N. L. R. B., Victim; Wage and Hour Administration, Victim; Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, Victim; EXTORTION." It has now been determined that WESLEY HAMPTON is the writer of instant notes and the names JOHN ROGERS, ISAAC KIBSER as well as the new alias, "Charley's Friend," which has been added, were merely signatures on such notes.	
APPROVED AND FORWARDED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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The title also reflects the additional victims as Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS, Mayor F. H. LaGUARDIA and President F. D. ROOSEVELT.

By letter dated June 12, 1940 (Bureau file 62-55640) the Bureau advised that four latent fingerprints of value have been found in the latent fingerprints forwarded by the New York office, although such impressions did not contain sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and search through the Bureau's single fingerprint file.

By letter dated June 14, 1940, (Bureau file 62-55640) the Bureau transmitted the following laboratory report:

"Specimens: Q5. Photostatic copy of front of envelope postmarked 'New York, New York, Station W, October 21, 1939, 5:30 P. M.'. Q6. Photostatic copy of accompanying letter beginning 'it will be **'. Photographic copy of latent fingerprints developed from the above-mentioned letter.

"It has been concluded that specimens Q5 and Q6 were written on the same typewriter as specimens Q1, Q2 and Q4. Specimen Q3 has not been written on the same typewriter as was used in writing these other specimens.

"Specimens Q1 through Q4 were submitted by ESTELLE S. FRANKFURTER, Administrative Assistant, National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D. C. Specimens Q1 through Q3 were submitted under date of October 28, 1939, and specimen Q4 was submitted under date of December 18, 1939.

"The original evidence submitted is being retained in the files of the Laboratory for use in any subsequent examinations which may be desired. A separate report is being submitted concerning the fingerprint examination requested. "

By letter dated September 3, 1940 (Bureau file 62-59486) the Bureau forwarded the following Laboratory report:

"Specimens: Q1, Envelope postmarked 'New York, New York, July 10, 1940, 4 P. M.'. Q2, Accompanying letter beginning 'You jews Better....'.

"The questioned writing appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 was compared with the handwriting appearing in the anonymous letter file maintained in the laboratory but the examiner found nothing of particular interest or of such significance as would suggest field investigation. A photographic copy will be placed in this file and in the event of a future identification your office will be advised. The original evidence is being retained in the laboratory."

The Bureau by letter dated December 23, 1940 (Bureau file 100-6033) transmitted to the New York office photostatic copies of a letter dated December 5, 1940, from one JOHN ROGERS, Brooklyn, New York, received at the Department of Labor in an envelope postmarked December 5, 1940, New York City, and referred to the Bureau through the Department of Justice by Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS, to whom the letter was addressed. By this letter the Bureau also requested that the New York field division endeavor to ascertain ROGERS' identity and discuss the matter of prosecution with the United States attorney and also apprise the New York police department of the contents of ROGERS' letter insofar as the bombing of New York buildings was concerned. All of this subsequently was done by the writer.

By letter dated January 9, 1941 (Bureau file 9-7088), the Bureau transmitted the following Laboratory report:

"Specimens: Q1, Envelope postmarked 'New York, New York, December 5, 1940, 10:30 A. M.'.
Q2, First sheet of accompanying letter dated December 5, 1940 beginning 'as you are you should...'.
Q3, Second sheet of above letter beginning 'Your own Lousey Hide...'.
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"The evidence listed above was transmitted to the Laboratory from the Investigative Division under date of December 23, 1940.

"Specimen Q1 is a white bond finish envelope measuring 9.50 to 9.53 by 4.14 to 4.18". It is .0043" thick, weighs 5.432 grams, and contains no watermark. The address appearing on Q1 is written in script with blue-black ink.

"Specimen Q2 is a sheet of white bond finish paper which measures 10.91 to 10.95" by 8.47". This specimen contains no watermark, is .0027" thick, and weighs 3.319 grams. The message appearing on Q2 is written in script with a blue-black ink.

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"Specimen Q3 is a sheet of white bond finish paper which measures 10.94 to 10.95 by 8.48". It is .0037" thick, weighs 3.533 grams and contains no watermark. The message appearing on Q3 is written in script with blue-black ink.

"The handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 through Q3 was compared with the handwriting appearing in the anonymous letter file contained in the laboratory but the examiner found nothing of particular interest or of such significance as would suggest field investigation. A photographic copy will be placed in this file and in the event of a future identification your office will be advised.

"Specimens Q1 through Q3 were treated for the development of latent fingerprints and a report on this examination will be submitted separately.

"Photographic copies of specimens Q1 through Q3 are being transmitted to your office herewith.

"The original evidence is being retained in the files of the Laboratory."

By letter dated January 10, 1941 (Bureau file 9-7088) the Bureau transmitted the following report as to the fingerprint examination requested in connection with the letter to Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS:

- "Q1 Envelope postmarked 'New York, N. Y. Dec 5, 1940 10:30 AM'
- "Q2 First sheet of accompanying letter dated December 5 1940, beginning 'as ... you are you should...'
- "Q3 Second sheet of above letter beginning 'Your own Lousey Hide...'

"You are advised that the specimens submitted have been examined and two latent fingerprints of value for comparison purposes were developed. Of these, one was developed on the specimen designated as 'Q2' and one on specimen 'Q3'."

By letter dated March 18, 1941, the New York field division forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory a photostatic copy of a two-page typewritten letter dated July 31, 1940, addressed to Mayor LaGUARDIA and signed "Charley's Friend," which because of its similarity of content to previous letters incorporated in this case is also being considered the work of subject. This letter had been obtained from the bomb squad of the New York police department which

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retained the original letter in its files. The New York field division also enclosed three specimens of handwriting believed to be that of JOHN ROGERS of Bellmore, L. I., who was a suspect in instant case. This same letter requested that the Bureau consolidate Bureau files 100-6033, 62-55640, 62-59486 and 9-7088 into Bureau file 9-7088.

This letter further requested that the Laboratory compare the handwriting previously examined under Laboratory numbers 37402 and 39705 with the specimens enclosed with the letter and also requested a comparison of the typewriting examined under Laboratory number 35899 with the questioned typewriting specimen enclosed with the letter which begins "As you perhaps" and continues to a second page which begins "Talk, as a Proswades." This letter also called attention to the fact that the New York office had not received a report of the examination of the questioned specimen (set out in full in the report of Special Agent L. LEVIN dated at New York City May 9, 1940) dated December 28, 1939, which begins "A few lines to you Blind" and it was requested that this specimen also should be compared with the typewritten specimens mentioned. By this same letter the New York field division requested that the single fingerprint section compare the latent fingerprints appearing in Bureau file 62-55640 with the latent fingerprints appearing in Bureau file 9-7088.

This same letter also mentioned that the writer of the letters being considered in instant case has addressed numerous letters of a similar nature to President ROOSEVELT and it was thought that as a result of instant investigation the original letters in possession of the Secret Service at Washington, D. C. had been consolidated into Secret Service file WH-10607-S.

By letter dated April 2, 1941, the Bureau advised that the latent fingerprints appearing in Bureau file 62-55640 had been compared with the latent fingerprints appearing in Bureau file 9-7088 without effecting an identification.

By Bureau letter dated April 12, 1941, the Bureau transmitted the following Laboratory report:

- "Specimens: Q4 Photostatic copy of a letter addressed to 'Mayor LaGuardia' and beginning 'as you perhaps allredy Known that the Spies in NYC, are... .'
Q5 Second page of letter beginning 'Talk, as a Proswades i would show the Elevator Captain Mr....'

- "K1 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a Christmas card addressed to 'Mr. Robert Martin' and beginning 'Just a line hoping to find you in good.....'
- "K2 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a letter written on a grey Christmas card and beginning 'Just a line to let you know.....'
- "K3 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a photostatic copy of a 'ORDER TO CHANGE ADDRESS' card.

"It was concluded that specimens Q4 and Q5 were prepared on the same Underwood typewriter as specimens Q1, Q2, Q4, Q5 and Q6 referred to in Laboratory Report #35899 dated June 14, 1940, a copy of which was forwarded to the New York office in connection with the case entitled John Rogers, with aliases; Chairman, National Labor Relations Board - Victim; Wage and Hour Administration - Victim; Governor Herbert H. Lehman - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #62-55640. It is noted that specimen Q1 is an envelope postmarked New York, N. Y. October 25, 1939 1:30 PM addressed to 'Chairman of the N.L.R.B., Washington, D. C.' Specimen Q2 is the accompanying typewritten letter beginning 'in Closed find First Example.....' and signed 'John Rogers, Engineer'. Specimen Q4 is a typewritten letter dated December 16, 1939, at Brooklyn, New York beginning 'Now as there is nothing left' and ending 'Please do something????'. Specimen Q3 is a typewritten letter addressed to 'Wage & Hour Administration, Washington, D. C.' beginning 'its allways Good for a Sneeze.....'. Specimen Q3 was concluded to have been written on a Remington Noiseless typewriter equipped with Elite type, and therefore on a different machine than the other specimens just referred to.

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a copy of which was forwarded to New York. It is therefore concluded that this questioned handwriting was not done by the writer of K1, K2 and K3. It is further concluded that the writer of K1, K2 and K3 did not write the questioned handwriting appearing on specimens Q1, Q2 and Q3 submitted in connection with the case entitled John Rogers; Mrs. Frances Perkins, (Miss Frances Perkins) - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-7088 referred to in Laboratory report #39705 dated January 9, 1941, a copy of which was forwarded to the New York office.

"For record purposes, it is noted that the evidence listed in the Laboratory as specimens Q2 and Q3 in the instant case is identical with the evidence referred to in connection with the case entitled John Rogers; Mrs. Frances Perkins, (Miss Frances Perkins) - Victim; Extortion, Bureau File #100-6033.

"In accordance with your request, the original evidence listed above as specimens K1 and K2 is being returned to your office herewith, appropriate photographic copies having been retained for the completion of the Laboratory's files. The remainder of the evidence submitted in connection with this case is being retained in the files of the Laboratory."

It is noted that this letter from the Bureau returned the supposed handwriting specimens of JOHN ROGERS of Bellmore, L. I., and a lead is being set out to return such specimens to Mr. MARKLEIN of the Citizens Savings Bank, 58 Bowery, from whom they were borrowed for the comparison.

Inasmuch as considerable investigation was conducted in this case which is not pertinent now to subject WESLEY HAMPTON, prior investigation is being summarized in this report and will be specifically set out only where it relates to subject WESLEY HAMPTON or to the elimination of the previous suspect, JOHN ROGERS, Bellmore, L. I.

Upon checking with the bomb squad of the New York police department, Agent was referred to the sabotage squad where it was discovered that the New York police department had an additional letter addressed to Mayor LaGUARDIA which letter in substance stated that JOHN BERNELLO, JOHN SCILTY and CHARLES BURNELL or BERNELL, the latter of the Esplanade Hotel, were intending to blow up the Park East Hospital, 12 East 83d Street, as well as the Hebrew Home for the Aged, Howard and Dumont Streets, Brooklyn, St. John's Hospital, 480 Herkimer, Brooklyn, a hospital at 871 Bushwick, Brooklyn, St. Marie's Hospital, east end of George Washington bridge, and the Rockaway Beach Hospital, Rockaway Beach, L. I. This letter

was signed "Charley's Friend." It should be noted herein that these notations are mainly the same ones which have been mentioned in other letters in instant case. Reference to the New York police department file on this letter revealed that a preliminary investigation had been made and that the case had been closed since the allegations in the letter had not been substantiated. At this time it was learned from Detective JOHN KELLY of the sabotage squad that the United States Secret Service also had some letters written by the same individual.

Contact with Mr. F. W. (BILL) MORRIS, United States Secret Service, revealed that the local office has a file of approximately twenty to thirty letters written apparently by the same individual since the general phrasing of the letters is the same, some of which letters are signed JOHN ROGERS or ISAAC KIBSE. It was also learned from Mr. MORRIS that Secret Service Agent FITZPATRICK had conducted some investigation in this case two years ago without ascertaining the identity of the writer of the letters but had located a steam engineer by the name of JOHN ROGERS and had eliminated him from consideration.

At the New York City Board of Building Boiler Inspection Mr. JOHN McKENNA, clerk, checked his records and revealed that licenses as stationary steam engineers had been issued to two JOHN ROGERS, and it was further noted that one of these individuals had worked for some time at the Esplanade Hotel, which hotel has been mentioned in some of instant letters. It might be noted here that the index number of this individual at the license department is #3359. The other individual apparently had no connection with any of the notations mentioned in instant case. Further investigation conducted in regard to JOHN ROGERS, formerly employed at the Esplanade Hotel, revealed that he had also been employed in a loft building, 49-51 Elizabeth Street, which building was operated by the Citizens Savings Bank and also at the Museum of the City of New York, 103d and Fifth Avenue. Subsequent inquiry at all of these places indicated that JOHN ROGERS' employers had never experienced any trouble with him and also developed the information that JOHN ROGERS is presently operating a Tydol gas station at Merrick Road and Bedford Place, Bellmore, L. I. and is residing at 501 Nassau, Bellmore, L. I.

Investigation at the Tidewater Oil Company through ARTHUR G. SHIPP, credit manager, revealed that ROGERS had been a dealer since October 31, 1959, and investigation at the Citizens Savings Bank through Mr. ROBERT A. MARTIN, vice president, and

Mr. EDWIN H. MARKLEIN, assistant vice president, revealed that ROGERS had been a satisfactory employee up until the time he was crippled on October 27, 1936, when a freight elevator fell while he was operating it. The records here further revealed that ROGERS had been treated at Columbia and St. Vincent's hospitals but not at any of the hospitals mentioned in the letters in instant case. The supposed handwriting specimens of JOHN ROGERS previously mentioned were secured from Mr. MARKLEIN at this time. Subsequent investigation failed to reveal that JOHN ROGERS had been employed at any other of the hospitals or hotels mentioned in the letters in this case, and he now has been eliminated as a suspect in this case and it might be noted here that handwriting specimens and fingerprints were taken from JOHN ROGERS but are not being forwarded to the Bureau and are instead being placed in the exhibit section of New York file 9-581.

Through the co-operation of Mrs. F. K. PETERSON, secretary, and Superintendent L. M. ARROWSMITH of St. John's Hospital, 480 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, the files of that institution were checked and the names of all present engineers employed there were obtained and at the same time the names of all past employees discharged for cause were also obtained. It should be noted here that this list included the name of WESLEY HAMPTON, a relief engineer employed at a salary of \$85.00 per month and maintenance.

In checking other hospitals and hotels mentioned in instant letters it was noted that WESLEY HAMPTON's name appeared on the engineering personnel of several of such institutions and, accordingly, the complete employment record of HAMPTON was secured from Mr. JOHN McKEEHA, clerk, of the New York City Board of Building Engineers, and it was ascertained that HAMPTON worked at the Esplanade Hotel, 505 West End Avenue, on October 21, 1929; at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 190th Street and Fort Washington Avenue, on April 22, 1930; at the Brooklyn Hebrew Home for the Aged and Hospital, Howard and Dumont Streets, Brooklyn, on June 20, 1930; at Public School #6, 350 Baltic Street, Brooklyn, on October 27, 1930; at the Hotel Berkley, 170 West 74th Street, on March 24, 1931; at the Rockaway Beach Hospital, 34th and Long Island Avenue, Rockaway Beach, from August 24, 1931 to June 21, 1932 and at St. John's Hospital, Brooklyn, since July 11, 1932. Further checking on this individual revealed that they had no record of his employment at the Esplanade Hotel, but bell captain MURPHY thought that he remembered HAMPTON as the "slightly batty engineer" who consulted a book in regard to every engineering problem he met.

At the Woolcott Hotel, MIKE GALLAGHER, chief engineer, recalled that HAMPTON worked as engineer at the Stratford Hotel for about a year, such employment ending seven or eight years ago.

The files of this hotel as presented by Miss ESTHER EDELMAN, bookkeeper, revealed that HAMPTON was employed as engineer from January 14, 1933, to January 27, 1934, and that at this time his address was 226 West 73rd Street. Further investigation at St. John's Hospital in Brooklyn revealed that HAMPTON had given as references Mr. HOFFMAN of the Berkley Hotel, superintendent GREENSPAN of the Hebrew Home for the Aged and Mr. J. SEINER, manager of the Stratford Hotel. A check with Mr. ISADORE GREENSPAN, executive director of the Hebrew Home for the Aged, revealed that HAMPTON was employed there from June 1, 1930, to October 13, 1930, and that his services apparently were very satisfactory. A check at St. Elizabeth Hospital through Sister Marina, bookkeeper, revealed that she had neither any recollection nor any record of HAMPTON's employment there. Through F. W. MORRIS, United States Secret Service, it was determined that the address at 871 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, mentioned in some of the letters was the Minora Home for the Aged and that HAMPTON was not known there as a past or present employee.

During the interview with JOHN ROGERS at Bellmore, L. I. HAMPTON's name was mentioned. At the beginning of the conversation, at which time ROGERS expressed the belief that HAMPTON was crazy and stated that he believed HAMPTON was responsible for involving ROGERS in some trouble concerning the writing of a letter to the President or some other important official. ROGERS further stated that HAMPTON had made rather wild statements while employed as engineer at the Esplanade and seemed to have a very simple brain and reported seeing ghosts at night. He also stated that HAMPTON very frequently talked against the Government and against President ROOSEVELT.

Acting upon this accumulated information, agent proceeded to St. John's Hospital, 480 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, accompanied by Secret Service Agent MORRIS who had expressed a desire to be present at the interview of HAMPTON. HAMPTON was interviewed concerning the letters in this case and was asked if he knew a KIBSER. He first stated that he did not know any KIBSER, but when the full name of ISAAC KIBSER was mentioned, HAMPTON stated that ISAAC KIBSER is an individual who sells lottery tickets and lives at the Esplanade and Kimberley Hotels. It might be noted here that previous investigation in this neighborhood has revealed that no such person is known in that vicinity. Upon being asked further as to who might have written the letters in this case if he did not write them, HAMPTON immediately replied JOHN ROGERS, the labor organizer. He further stated that ROGERS was a radical person and stated that ROGERS is presently employed at the Fifth

Avenue Museum. At this time it was noticed that no typewriter appeared to be available in HAMPTON's room and upon being questioned in this regard he stated that he formerly had a typewriter but got rid of it about a year or so ago.

HAMPTON voluntarily accompanied agent to the New York field office where he was questioned and where handwriting specimens, fingerprints and photographs were taken of him. He readily admitted working at every place mentioned in instant letters with the exception of the hospital at 871 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, but disclaimed any knowledge of instant letter. When the complete agreement between the inaccuracies noted in spelling, grammar, capitalization, etc. in the questioned letter to Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS and those noted in the handwriting specimens obtained from him was called to his attention, he could not explain this in any way but still disclaimed any knowledge of having written such letters, although he stated he might have written such letters while he was having one of his periodic dizzy spells. The questioning of HAMPTON at this time developed that he had been interested in psychic phenomena and had discovered that he was able "to see things in the crystal" and had discovered a mother lode of gold in Idaho through the crystal but had not verified its existence.

At one time during such questioning HAMPTON stated that he would not write any more letters to anyone and said, "I guess I must have been steamed up."

Upon being shown two handwritten letters to the President which were in the possession of Mr. MORRIS, HAMPTON stated that both of these letters were very clever imitations of his handwriting.

At the conclusion of such interview HAMPTON was taken to the office of Assistant United States Attorney PETER DONOGHUE, and after being questioned by Mr. DONOGHUE, an authorized complaint was filed by reporting agent before United States Commissioner GARRETT W. COTTER, Southern District of New York, on April 17, 1941, charging HAMPTON with violation of Section 378a, Title 18, United States Code, on the basis of the letter written to Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS. It should be noted here that this letter according to the transmitting confidential letter by which the photostatic copy was forwarded to the New York field division was mailed in New York City on December 5, 1940. In the event that this case proceeds to trial, it will be necessary that the original envelope be obtained from the Laboratory by the New York

field office to establish jurisdiction in this case. It should also be kept in mind that any preparation of this case from the standpoint of introducing the testimony of the handwriting expert should be concerned with the above-mentioned letter to Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS.

Upon being taken before Commissioner COTTER, HAMPTON waived hearing and was turned over to the United States marshal in default of \$1,000 bond.

On April 18, 1941, a court order based upon the statement and belief of Assistant United States Attorney PETER J. DONOGHUE that subject HAMPTON is quite possibly mentally deranged was signed by Judge CONGER committing HAMPTON to Bellevue Hospital for ten days' observation. During this time HAMPTON will remain under the \$1,000 bond and will be returned to the custody of the United States marshal as soon as the observation period is over.

The following description of HAMPTON was secured by observation and questioning:

Age	65 (Born Labelle, Mo. 1/22/76)
Height	5' 6"
Weight	230
Build	Very stout
Complexion	Florid
Hair	Died black; naturally white
Eyes	Blue
Eyeglasses	Wears horn-rimmed glasses
Religion	None
Relatives:	Wife, JENNIE ELIZABETH KECK HAMPTON PRICE (Mrs. R. C. PRICE) Sheepbranch, California
	Daughters, GRACE (Mrs. A. P. JOES) owns hotel at Sheepbranch, California
	EDITH, was married, Tenneson - Tacoma, Washington
	Sons, WADE HAMPTON, at sea Hawaiian SS Company
	WESLEY, Jr., Police Force Spokane, Washington
	JACK SEROY, one leg, operator news stand - Sacramento, California

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Sons (cont.)

EDWIN, was soldier, USA -
truck driver - Sacramento, Calif.

LITE, killed in auto accident

The fingerprints and handwriting specimens of HAMPTON have been forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory by separate letter dated April 22, 1941, and the Bureau was advised by teletype on April 17, 1941, of the complaint filed against HAMPTON and his detention. By telegram dated April 18, 1941, the Bureau was advised of the commitment of HAMPTON to Bellevue Hospital. A copy of the complaint filed before the United States commissioner was obtained and is being filed in New York file 9-581.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York City, N. Y.

Will report the results of the fingerprint and document examinations of the Laboratory in respect to WESLEY HAMPTON.

Will contact Assistant United States Attorney PETER DONOGHUE again in regard to the results of the observation of HAMPTON at Bellevue Hospital and concerning DONOGHUE's subsequent decision as to prosecution in this case.

Will return the three specimens of the supposed handwriting of JOHN ROGERS, Bellmore, L. I. to Mr. MARKLEIN, Citizens Savings Bank, 58 Boverly.

PENDING

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

April 18, 1941

Supervisor Hayes in the Investigative Division advises that Hampton was arrested yesterday on a complaint filed in New York City. He is apparently demented and has written numerous letters to the President, to the Bureau and others threatening to blow up certain hospitals and charitable institutions if wage hour conditions were not improved. He is being taken to Bellevue Hospital in New York today for 30 days' observation with regard to his apparent insane condition.

The New York office last evening was authorized to release the facts to the press.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

FMM:KK

April 12, 1941

John Rogers, with aliases;
Isaac Kibser, "Charley's Friend"
Re: Chairman, N.L.R.B. - Victim
Wage and Hour Administration - Victim;
Governor Herbert H. Lehman - Victim;
Mrs. Francis Perkins - Victim
Mayor F. H. LaGuardia - Victim;
President F. D. Roosevelt - Victim;
Extortion

File # 9-7088-2

Lab # 44672

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Letter 3/18/41

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

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- 9-7088-2 Q4 Photostatic copy of a letter addressed to "Mayor LaGuardia" and beginning "as you perhaps allredy know that the Spies in NYC, are....."
- Q5 Second page of letter beginning "Talk, as a Proswades i would show the Elevator Captain MR,....."
- K1 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a christmas card addressed to "Mr. Robert Martin" and beginning "Just a line hoping to find you in good....."
- K2 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a letter written on a grey christmas card and beginning "Just a line to let you know....."
- K3 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a photostatic copy of a "ORDER TO CHANGE ADDRESS" card.

Results of examination.

It was concluded that specimens Q4 and Q5 were prepared on the same Underwood typewriter as specimens Q1, Q2, Q4, Q5 and Q6 referred to in Laboratory Report #35899 dated June 14, 1940, a copy of which was forwarded to the New York office in connection with the case entitled John Rogers, with aliases; Chairman, National Labor Relations Board - Victim; Wage and Hour Administration - Victim; Governor Herbert H. Lehman - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #62-55640. It is noted that specimen Q1 is an envelope postmarked New York, N.Y. October 25, 1939 1:30 PM addressed "Chairman of the N.L.R.B., Washington, D. C. Specimen Q2 is the accompanying typewritten letter beginning "in closed find first sample" and signed "John Rogers, Engineer". Specimen Q4 is a typewritten letter dated December 16, 1939 at Brooklyn, New York beginning "Now as there is nothing left....." and ending "Please do something ???". Specimen Q3 is a typewritten letter addressed to "Wage &

Hour Administration, Washington, D. C." beginning "its allways Good for a Sneeze". Specimen Q3 was concluded to have been written on a Remington Noiseless typewriter equipped with Elite type, and therefore on a different machine than the other specimens just referred to.

It was concluded that the typewritten letter headed "Brooklyp, N. Y., December the 28th, 1939 to the National Labor Board Racket, Washington, D. C." beginning "a Few lines to you Blind Guides at the Wheel" and ending "Yours Truly, Isaac Kibser, addressed Kimberly Hotel, 74 & Broadway, Manhattan, N.Y.C. No answer, Please do something, No answer necessary, I", likewise was done on the same typewriter as the several specimens referred to in the preceding paragraphs. This is the evidence referred to in the report of Special Agent L. Levin made at New York City, May 9, 1940 in connection with the case entitled John Rogers alias Isaac Kibser, Chairman, N.L.R.B. - Victim; Wage and Hour Administration - Victim, Bureau file #62-55640.

The reported handwriting of John Rogers listed in the Laboratory as specimens K1, K2 and K3 is different from the handwriting appearing on specimens Q1, and Q2 submitted in connection with the case entitled Anonymous Communication addressed to "H. Lehman, Governor, State Capital, Albany, New York, N.Y.", Bureau file #62-59486 and referred to in Laboratory Report #37402 dated September 3, 1940, a copy of which was forwarded to New York. It is therefore concluded that this questioned handwriting was not done by the writer of K1, K2 and K3. It is further concluded that the writer of K1, K2 and K3 did not write the questioned handwriting appearing on specimens Q1, Q2 and Q3 submitted in connection with the case entitled John Rogers; Mrs. Frances Perkins, (Miss Frances Perkins) - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-7088 referred to in Laboratory Report #39705 dated January 9, 1941, a copy of which was forwarded to the New York office.

For record purposes, it is noted that the evidence listed in the Laboratory as specimens Q2 and Q3 in the instant case is identical with the evidence referred to in connection with the case entitled John Rogers; Mrs. Frances Perkins, (Miss Frances Perkins) - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-7088.

In accordance with your request, the original evidence listed above as specimens K1 and K2 is being returned to your office herewith, appropriate photographic copies having been retained for the completion of the Laboratory's files. The remainder of the evidence submitted in connection with this case is being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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May 17, 1941

REGISTERED MAIL

62-55640-22

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New YorkRe: Wesley Hampton with aliases;
Chairman, E. L. R. R., ET AL.,
Victims; Extortion
(Bureau File 9-7086)

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above-entitled matter and transmitted by your communication dated

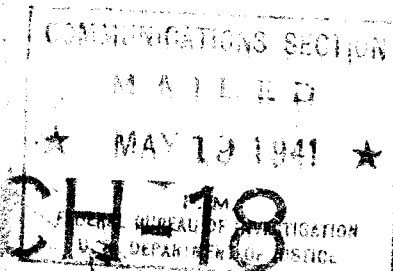
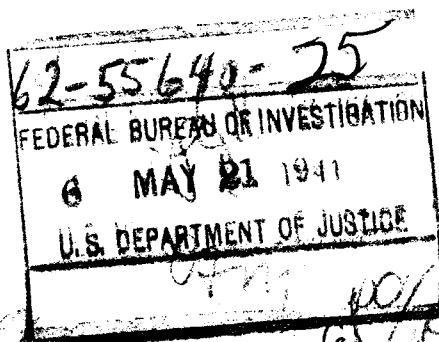
April 22, 1941.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
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Laboratory Report

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May 17, 1941

File #

62-55640-13

Lab #

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Re:

Wesley Hampton with aliases;
Chairman, N. L. R. B., Et Al.,
Victims; Extortion.
(Bureau File 9-7088)

Examination requested by:

New York

Reference:

Letter 4-23-41

Examination requested:

Document

Blaine

Specimens:

- K1 through K10 Ten pages of the known handwriting of subject Wesley Hampton, all of the specimens are written on one side of the paper in ink, each sheet identified by the K number on the back.
- K11 One envelope bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton addressed to "Margaret L. Cummins, Box 1306.....".
- K12 First sheet of accompanying letter bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton, beginning, "I reg your most welcome letter...."
- K13 Second sheet of accompanying letter bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton, beginning, "Evidently I will drive out to....."
- K14 Enclosed in envelope is a small card identified as, "Wesley Hampton Electric & Steam Engineer....."

Also submitted is a fingerprint card bearing the fingerprints of "Hampton Wesley".

Results of examination:

It was concluded that the handwriting on the extortion letter designated in the Laboratory as 9-7088, Q1 through Q3, was done by Wesley Hampton, whose known specimens of handwriting are listed above as specimens K1 through K14. Specimens Q1 through Q3 were transmitted to the Federal Laboratory from the Investigative Division on December 23, 1940, in connection with the case entitled "John Rogers; Mrs. Frances Perkins, (Miss Frances Perkins) Victim; Extortion", Bureau File 9-7088.

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It was further concluded that Wesley Hampton, K1 through K14, did not write the extortion letter submitted in connection with the case entitled "Anonymous Communication Addressed to H. Lehman, Governor, State Capital, Albany, New York" and designated in the Laboratory as 62-59486, specimens Q1 and Q2. This extortion letter was forwarded to the Bureau from the New York Office under date of August 24, 1940.

It was also concluded that Wesley Hampton, K1 through K14, did not write the extortion letters submitted in connection with the case entitled "Unknown Subjects; Congressman Michael Joseph Kennedy - Victim; Extortion" and designated in the Laboratory as 9-6706, specimens Q1 and Q2 and specimens Q3 through Q11.

It is noted that the letter listed as specimens K11 through K13 bearing the purported known handwriting of the subject, Wesley Hampton, is much better for comparison purposes than the remainder of the specimens submitted, inasmuch as a certain amount of disguise is apparent in the dictated specimens. In this connection, if testimony is desired in this case, it is suggested that an effort be made to prove the authorship of the letter designated as K11 through K13.

In accordance with your request, specimens K11 through K14 are being returned to you herewith, photographic copies having been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

If testimony is desired in this case, it will be necessary to notify the Bureau in ample time to permit the preparation of charts and the arrangement of equipment.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

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June 20, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ^UWESLEY HAMPTON with aliases
Chairman, N.L.R.B. et al,
Victims
EXTORTION

Dear Sir:

It is noted that Miss ESTELLE FRANKFURTER, Administrative Assistant, National Labor Relations Board, was the original informant in this case as to extortion letters addressed to the Wage and Hour Division and National Labor Relations Board; and that Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS, Secretary, Department of Labor, referred to the Bureau, through the Department of Justice, an extortion letter addressed to her. It is also noted that Detective O'MALLEY, Bomb and Forgery Squad, New York Police Department, furnished this office with a copy of an extortion letter addressed to GOVERNOR LEHMAN; and that Detective KELLY, Sabotage Squad, New York Police Department, furnished a copy of an extortion letter addressed to Mayor LA GUARDIA.

Unless advised to the contrary before June 28, 1941, this office will direct a letter to Commissioner JENNIS J. VALENTINE, New York Police Department, concerning the disposition in regard to the letters to Mayor LA GUARDIA and Governor LEHMAN; and will address a letter to Miss ESTELLE FRANKFURTER, National Labor Relations Board, in regard to the letters to the National Labor Relations Board and the Wage and Hour Division. It is felt that the Bureau may desire to forward a letter to Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS regarding the disposition.

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Very truly yours,

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May 13, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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There are attached hereto interesting weekly cases prepared in the Investigative Division.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

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A. Tamm _____
Ladd _____
Penworth _____
C. Glavin _____
Ladd _____
Nichols _____
Rosen _____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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EXTORTION

WESLEY HAMPTON,
with aliases

In July, 1939, an individual identifying himself at various times as Isaac Hibner, John Rogers and "Charley's friend" began the authorship of a series of letters addressed to persons prominent in public life in the United States, which were transmitted through the medium of the United States Mails from New York City. These communications were of a particularly vicious and vindictive character and contained threats against the lives of some of the recipients, as well as vows to bomb and destroy certain public edifices in New York.

The tenor of the letters indicated that the writer possessed a pronounced anti-social complex, in that he expressed hatred of Jews, Catholics, persons of foreign extraction, the established form of Government and of public officials.

In view of the fact that the transmittal of these communications through the United States Mails containing threats against the lives and property of some of the recipients constituted a violation of the Federal Extortion Statute coming within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, an intensive investigation was undertaken by Bureau Agents in an effort to identify and apprehend the mysterious author. In view of the fact that he made frequent references in his communications to the trials and hardships attendant to the performance of the duties of a stationary steam engineer, particular emphasis was placed on this fact by Bureau Agents and eventually the inquiry was confined to persons employed in this capacity in public institutions in Metropolitan New York.

After approximately eighteen months of painstaking inquiry, Wesley Hampton, a sixty-five-year-old steam engineer in a Brooklyn, New York, hospital was located and questioned by Federal Bureau of Investigation representatives, relative to his possible authorship of the communications. After first vigorously denying any knowledge of the letters, in the face of strong evidence of his guilt, he finally admitted being the mysterious personality of many names.

On April 17, 1941, a complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at New York City, charging Hampton with a violation of Section 338 a of the Federal Extortion Statute, and on the same date he was committed to Bellevue Hospital for observation, prior to the presentation of the evidence against him to the Federal Grand Jury for the Southern District of New York.

Bureau File No. 62-55140

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NEW YORK.--WESLEY HAMPTON, 65-YEAR-OLD STEAM ENGINEER IN A BROOKLYN HOSPITAL, WAS ARRAIGNED BEFORE U.S. COMMISSIONER COTTER AND REMANDED TO JAIL TODAY TO AWAIT FEDERAL GRAND JURY ACTION ON CHARGES THAT HE SENT A THREATENING LETTER TO SECRETARY PERKINS ON DEC. 5, 1940. HAMPTON, - NATIVE OF LA BELLE, MO., WAS ARRESTED BY FBI AGENTS WHO HAD SPENT 18 MONTHS TRACKING HIM DOWN.

FBI AGENTS SAID HAMPTON ADMITTED WRITING LETTERS TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, GOV. HERBERT H. LEHMAN, THE NLRB CHAIRMAN, AN OFFICER OF THE WAGE-HOUR DIVISION, AND OTHERS THREATENING IN MOST INSTANCES TO BL UP CERTAIN NEW YORK HOSPITALS AND HOTELS IF WAGE-HOUR CONDITIONS WERE NOT IMPROVED.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

NY FILE NO. **9-581**

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE July 7, 1941	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/29/41; 5/13, 20, 28/41; 6/11/41	REPORT MADE BY C. A. BRAATHEN
TITLE WESLEY HAMPTON, alias; John Rogers, Isaac Kibser, "Charley's Friend"; CHAIRMAN, N.L.R.B. Victim; WAGE & HOUR ADMINISTRATION, Victim; GOV. HERBERT H. LEHMAN, Victim; Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS, Victim; MAYOR F. H. LA GUARDIA, Victim; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: PRESIDENT F. D. ROOSEVELT, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HAMPTON adjudged insane and committed 5/23/41 by State Court to Veterans' Division, Kings Park Hospital. Transferred from Bellevue Hospital, 5/24/41. Technical Laboratory identifies HAMPTON as writer of letter to Mrs. FRANCES PERKINS. Fingerprints not identified with latents. Criminal record set out.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-C-</p> <p>Report of Special Agent C. A. BRAATHEN, 4/24/41, New York. Bureau letter dated 5/17/41. Bureau letter dated 5/10/41.</p> <p>At New York City:</p> <p>Through Assistant United States Attorney PETER J. DONOGHUE it was learned that Subject had been adjudged insane. Subsequently Mr. DONOGHUE advised that the complaint filed in instant case had been withdrawn by him and Subject had been committed on May 23, 1941, in State Court by Judge CAREW, to the Veterans' Division of the Kings Park Hospital. It was also learned that Subject had been transferred on May 24, 1941, to this Hospital from Bellevue Hospital where he had been held temporarily.</p>			
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DISPOSITION SHEET

By letter dated May 17, 1941, the Bureau transmitted to the New York Field Division the following laboratory report:

Specimens:

- KI through K10 Ten pages of the known handwriting of subject Wesley Hampton, all of the specimens are written on one side of the paper in ink, each sheet identified by the K number on the back.
- K11. One envelope bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton addressed to "Margaret E. Cummins, Box 1306.....".
- K12. First sheet of accompanying letter bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton, beginning, "I rec your most welcome letter...."
- K13. Second sheet of accompanying letter bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton, beginning, "Possible I will drive out to....."
- K14. Enclosed in envelope is a small card identified as, "Wesley Hampton Electric & Steam Engineer....."

Also submitted is a fingerprint card bearing the fingerprints of "Hampton Wesley".

Results of examination:

It was concluded that the handwriting on the extortion letter designated in the Laboratory as #9-7088, Q1 through Q3, was done by Wesley Hampton, whose known specimens of handwriting are listed above as specimens KI through K14. Specimens Q1 through Q3 were transmitted to the Technical Laboratory from the Investigative Division on December 23, 1940, in connection with the case entitled "John Rogers; Mrs. Frances Perkins, (Miss Frances Perkins) Victim; Extortion", Bureau File 9-7088.

It was further concluded that Wesley Hampton, K1 through K14, did not write the extortion letter submitted in connection with the case entitled "Anonymous Communication Addressed to H. Lehman, Governor, State Capital, Albany, New York" and designated in the Laboratory as 62-59486, specimens Q1 and Q2. This extortion letter was forwarded to the Bureau from the New York Office under date of August 24, 1940.

It was also concluded that Wesley Hampton, K1 through K14, did not write the extortion letters submitted in connection with the case entitled "Unknown Subjects; Congressman Michael Joseph Kennedy - Victim; Extortion" and designated in the Laboratory as 9-6706, specimens Q1 and

Q2 and specimens Q3 through Q11.

It is noted that the letter listed as specimens K11 through K13 bearing the purported known handwriting of the subject, Wesley Hampton, is much better for comparison purposes than the remainder of the specimens submitted, inasmuch as a certain amount of disguise is apparent in the dictated specimens. In this connection, if testimony is desired in this case, it is suggested that an effort be made to prove the authorship of the letter designated as K11 through K13.

In accordance with your request, specimens K11 through K14 are being returned to you herewith, photographic copies having been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

If testimony is desired in this case, it will be necessary to notify the Bureau in ample time to permit the preparation of charts and the arrangement of commitment.

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In reference to the above report, it should be noted that the letter which was determined not to have been written by Subject was an anonymous letter addressed to Governor LEHMAN, which letter was not previously shown to have any connection with instant case. The letter which caused the designation of LEHMAN as a victim in this case was a typewritten letter, signed "John Rogers", which because of its signature and wording, containing threats to the same institutions, is believed to have been written by Subject, as are the other letters previously set out in this case.

It should be noted by the Bureau that the commitment of Subject to an insane asylum, presumably for the remainder of his life, was the direct result of the investigation conducted by the New York Field Division. No investigation was conducted by the State authorities prior to such commitment, and such disposition of the Subject supplanted the Federal prosecution which normally would have followed in this case.

The known specimens of handwriting believed to be that of JOHN P. ROGERS which were returned to the New York Field Division by the Technical Laboratory by Bureau letter dated April 12, 1941, have been returned to Mr. MARKLEIN, Citizens' Savings Bank, from whom they were originally obtained.

The letter written by Subject to his sister, obtained at the time of his arrest, which letter is referred to as K11, K12, K13, and K14 in Technical Laboratory report dated May 17, 1941, is being retained in the exhibit file of this case in the New York Office.

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A copy of a standing and a front and profile photograph, taken at the time of his arrest, is being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this report for the completion of the Bureau files. Other copies are being placed in the New York file of the case.

A disposition sheet is being forwarded to the Bureau with this report, and a separate letter is being sent to the Bureau in regard to advising the original informants of the disposition of this case.

By reference letter dated May 10, 1941, the Bureau advised that the latent impressions previously developed had been compared with the fingerprints of HAMPTON without effecting an identification.

Under date of May 7, 1941, the Bureau furnished the following criminal record for subject:

CRIMINAL RECORD F.B.I. # 2284549

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name & Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, N.Y., N.Y.	Wesley Hampton . #----	11-6-34	False registration.	
USM, NY, NY	Wesley Hampton #C 9-56	4-17-41	Sending a threatening letter through the mail.	
Fed, Det. Hdqts.	Wesley Hampton #32168	4-17-41	Send a threatening letter through U.S. mails.	
Fed. Det. Hdqtrs. New York, N.Y.	Wesley Hampton #32298	4-29-41	Threatening letter thru mails	

The New York Police Department is being requested to furnish the disposition for Subject's arrest in 1934, but this case is not being held open to report such disposition.

Enclosure for Bureau: two photographs of WESLEY HAMPTON.
1 disposition sheet.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : E. P. COFFEY *EC*
FROM : H. B. LONG
SUBJECT: *W* Wesley Hampton, with aliases
Extortion
Bureau File # 62-55640

DATE: 7-19-45

The file maintained in the Laboratory in this case has been disposed of and there is attached an envelope containing the material which was in the Laboratory File and which is not duplicated in the Investigative File. It is desired that the Records Section file this as an enclosure behind the file.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : R. T. HARBO *RTH*

DATE: 10-8-46

FROM : H. B. LONG

SUBJECT: Anonymous Communication Addressed to "H. Lehman, Governor,
State Capital, Albany, N. Y., N. Y."
Bureau file 62-59486

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Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
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Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
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Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

There is attached the file which has been maintained in the Laboratory in connection with the above captioned matter. It is desired that this file be maintained as an enclosure behind the main file in the Records Section.

Attachment

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Spreading Bias Cited By Lehman At Council of B'nai B'rith

By Paul Tobenkin

Former Sen. Herbert H. Lehman said yesterday that those who advocate resistance to the law must share the moral responsibility for recent bombings and vandalism against synagogues with the actual culprits.

At the same time demands mounted in various parts of the country for legislative or administrative action to curb the violence and to halt the distribution of "hate" publications through the mails. Hate publications are those which seek to incite the public against members of a religious, color or other special group.

1,200 at Conference

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, through its national chairman, Henry Edward Schultz, disclosed that since the Supreme Court's decision calling for school desegregation in May, 1954, there have been eighty-three bombings or attempted bombings in the South, of which seven were directed against Jewish houses of worship and other Jewish institutions.

Both Mr. Lehman and Mr. Schultz spoke at the fourteenth annual conference of the Metropolitan Council of B'nai B'rith at the Astor, attended by 1,200 persons.

Mr. Lehman, characterizing civil rights as "the most critical domestic problem we have," declared that "the rights of every American hang on the outcome." He said:

"The recent incidents of terror, violence and vandalism against Jewish synagogues show the true nature of some of the extremist elements opposing civil rights. Whoever the immediate culprits are in these bombings — and I trust they will be brought to justice — the moral responsibility for these acts must be shared not only by all those who preach racial hate and discrimination, but by all who advocate overt resistance — massive or otherwise — to the law."

...that the ... and other actions by extremists will not ~~sway~~ men of faith "from the path of moral right." He said he believed a majority of Southerners are as shocked at recent outrages as are people of the North and he urged the law-abiding people of the South to assert their leadership and place extremists "far outside the pale of public respectability."

Tight Guard at Newark

Mr. Schultz said that studies by the A. D. L. ten years ago indicated that anti-Semitism was at a low ebb in the South. Today, however, he said, there is "an outbreak of lawlessness and a campaign against Jews whose growing intensity compels us to revise previous estimates of the problem of anti-Semitism."

"Actually the troubled climate of the South today presents a greater potential for danger than anywhere else in the United States," he said. He asserted that the professional anti-Semite, using the desegregation issue as a protective shield, "is at work in the South as never before."

In Newark, Frederick R. Lacey, acting director of the

Police ... and radio patrolmen to keep a ... watch on the ... synagogues and Jewish schools following a series of bomb threats in Northern New Jersey.

Tough Laws Urged

Rep. Robert W. Kean, Republican candidate for the Senate from New Jersey, called for "tough Federal laws cracking down on terrorists who use explosives to bomb public buildings."

Rep. Francis E. Walter, D., Pa., called upon the Post Office Department to halt mailing privileges of "Common Sense" an anti-Jewish and anti-Negro hate sheet published in Union, N. J. In response to statements by postal officials that no law now prohibits mailing of material attacking any religious group, Mr. Walter urged the Post Office to carry the matter to the Supreme Court.

A plan for Gov. Harriman to mobilize the auxiliary police of the state's Civil Defense units to guard houses of worship in New York if bombings, vandalism and threats continue, was advanced yesterday by Rep. Francis E. Dorn, R., Brooklyn. Mr. Dorn said he would ask leaders of veterans' organizations to seek volunteers to act as guards at churches and synagogues if the situation becomes worse.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 1/10/56

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Original filed in: 100-11131

Pages A185- Senator Lehman, (D) New York, extended his remarks to include
A186 an address he delivered at a civil rights rally held at the
Manhattan Center in New York City on December 15, 1955.
Mr. Lehman stated "There is going to be a demand, I am sure,
for a strengthening of the civil-rights section of the
Justice Department, so that there can be no doubt of the
right of the Federal Government to act in such cases as the
Emmett Till tragedy."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional
Record for 1/10/56 was reviewed and pertinent items were
marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that
portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and
placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Our Schools - City &
 State Government, every nation
 You Jew RATS had Control
 You wrecked every nation
 France under Jew Blum
 Made the people suffer & today are
 Robbed of their gold which you
 Jews have Robbed. Kill Pay
 for all these crimes. You
 Jews should not be allowed here
 in U.S.A. You belong in Red Russia &
 N.A.S.I.A. You Murders, Spies, Traitors
 Your day is coming in America - unless
 than 5 years. You Jews will Run
 the Rat Holes - Better start
 Now (Christ is coming!)
 Filthy Jew RATS - Spies)

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Hitler must come
Here - In 1941

Jew V.R.B.

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You Jews Better
Have a Jewish Army to go
over seas & stop Hitler
You Jews (No Americans) are
worried over Hitler we
citizens have nothing to fear we
are safe even if Hitler comes
Here at the Rate You Jew
Reds are persecuting Americans
or frame & plotting for
Deserve a Hitler & You
will have one - If You
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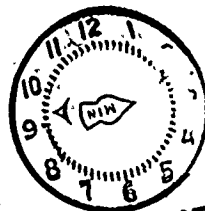
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

OFM:MJ

May 17, 1941

File #

62-55640-18

Lab #

47206

Re:

Wesley Hampton with aliases;
Chairman, H. L. H. B., Et Al.,
Victims; Extortion.
(Bureau File 9-7303)

Examination requested by:

New York

Reference:

Letter 4-22-41

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

Blaine

- K1 through K10 Ten pages of the known handwriting of subject Wesley Hampton, all of the specimens are written on one side of the paper in ink, each sheet identified by the K number on the back.
- K11 One envelope bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton addressed to "Margaret E. Gurnea, Box 1304,"
- K12 First sheet of accompanying letter bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton, beginning, "I beg your most welcome letter. . . ."
- K13 Second sheet of accompanying letter bearing the purported handwriting of the subject Wesley Hampton, beginning, "Possibly I will drive out to. . . ."
- K14 Enclosed in envelope is a small card identified as, "Wesley Hampton Electric & Steam Engineer. . . ."

Also submitted is a fingerprint card bearing the fingerprints of "Wesley Hampton".

Results of examination:

It was concluded that the handwriting on the extorted letter designated in the Laboratory as 9-7303, Q1 through Q3, was done by Wesley Hampton, whose known specimens of handwriting are listed above as specimens K1 through K14. Specimens Q1 through Q3 were transmitted to the Technical Laboratory from the Investigative Division on December 23, 1940, in connection with the case entitled "John Rogers; Dr. Frances Perkins, (alias Frances Perkins) Victim; Extortion", Bureau File 9-7303.

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It was further concluded that Wesley Hampton, K1 through K14, did not write the extortion letter submitted in connection with the case entitled "Anonymous Communication Addressed to H. Lehman, Governor, State Capital, Albany, New York" and designated in the Laboratory as 62-57455, specimens Q1 and Q2. This extortion letter was forwarded to the Bureau from the New York Office under date of August 24, 1940.

It was also concluded that Wesley Hampton, K1 through K14, did not write the extortion letters submitted in connection with the case entitled "Unknown Subjects; Congressman Michael Joseph Kennedy - Victim; Extortion" and designated in the Laboratory as 9-4706, specimens Q1 and Q2 and specimens Q3 through Q11.

It is noted that the letter listed as specimens K11 through K13 bearing the purported known handwriting of the subject, Wesley Hampton, is much better for comparison purposes than the remainder of the specimens submitted, inasmuch as a certain amount of disguise is apparent in the dictated specimens. In this connection, if testimony is desired in this case, it is suggested that an effort be made to prove the authorship of the letter designated as K11 through K13.

In accordance with your request, specimens K11 through K14 are being returned to you herewith, photographic copies having been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

If testimony is desired in this case, it will be necessary to notify the Bureau in ample time to permit the preparation of charts and the arrangement of exhibits.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

62-59886

Laboratory Report

April 12, 1941

John Rogers, with aliases;
Isaac Kibser, "Charley's Friend"
Re: Chairman, N.L.R.B. - Victim
Wage and Hour Administration - Victim;
Governor Herbert H. Lehman - Victim;
Mrs. Frances Perkins - Victim
Mayor F. H. LaGuardia - Victim;
President F. D. Roosevelt - Victim;
Extortion

File # ~~9-7088-2~~

Lab # 44672

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Letter 3/18/41

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

- 9-7088-2 Q4 Photostatic copy of a letter addressed to "Mayor LaGuardia" and beginning "as you perhaps already known that the Spies in NYC, are....."
- Q5 Second page of letter beginning "Talk, as a Proswades i would show the Elevator Captain MR....."
- K1 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a christmas card addressed to "Mr. Robert Martin" and beginning "Just a line hoping to find you in good....."
- K2 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a letter written on a grey christmas card and beginning "Just a line to let you know....."
- K3 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a photostatic copy of a "ORDER TO CHANGE ADDRESS" card.

Results of examination.

It was concluded that specimens Q4 and Q5 were prepared on the same Underwood typewriter as specimens Q1, Q2, Q4, Q5 and Q6 referred to in Laboratory Report #35899 dated June 14, 1940, a copy of which was forwarded to the New York office in connection with the case entitled John Rogers, with aliases; Chairman, National Labor Relations Board - Victim; Wage and Hour Administration - Victim; Governor Herbert H. Lehman - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #62-55640. It is noted that specimen Q1 is an envelope postmarked New York, N.Y. October 25, 1939 1:30 PM addressed to "Chairman of the N.L.R.B., Washington, D. C." Specimen Q2 is the accompanying typewritten letter beginning "in closed find First Example....." and signed "John Rogers, Engineer". Specimen Q4 is a typewritten letter dated December 16, 1939 at Brooklyn, New York beginning "Now as there is nothing left....." and ending "Please do something ????" Specimen Q3 is a typewritten letter addressed to "Wage &

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Hour Administration, Washington, D. C." beginning "its always Good for a Sneeze.....". Specimen Q3 was concluded to have been written on a Remington Noiseless typewriter equipped with Elite type, and therefore on a different machine than the other specimens just referred to.

It was concluded that the typewritten letter headed "Brooklyn, N.Y., December the 28th, 1939 to the National Labor Board Racket, Washington, D. C." beginning "a Few lines to you Blind Guides at the Wheel....." and ending "Yours Truly, Isaac Kibser, addressed Kimberly Hotel, 74 & Broadway, Manhattan, N.Y.C. No answer, Please do something, No answer nessary, ?". Likewise was done on the same typewriter as the several specimens referred to in the preceding paragraphs. This is the evidence referred to in the report of Special Agent L. Levin made at New York City, May 9, 1940 in connection with the case entitled John Rogers alias Isaac Kibser, Chairman, N.L.R.B. - Victim; Wage and Hour Administration - Victim, Bureau file #62-55640.

The reported handwriting of John Rogers listed in the Laboratory as specimens K1, K2 and K3 is different from the handwriting appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 submitted in connection with the case entitled Anonymous Communication addressed to "H. Lehman, Governor, State Capital, Albany, New York, N.Y.", Bureau file #62-59486 and referred to in Laboratory Report #37402 dated September 3, 1940, a copy of which was forwarded to New York. It is therefore concluded that this questioned handwriting was not done by the writer of K1, K2 and K3. It is further concluded that the writer of K1, K2 and K3 did not write the questioned handwriting appearing on specimens Q1, Q2 and Q3 submitted in connection with the case entitled John Rogers; Mrs. Frances Perkins; (Miss Frances Perkins) - Victim; Extortion, Bureau file #9-7088 referred to in Laboratory Report #39705 dated January 9, 1941, a copy of which was forwarded to the New York office.

For record purposes, it is noted that the evidence listed in the Laboratory as specimens Q2 and Q3 in the instant case is identical with the evidence referred to in connection with the case entitled John Rogers; Mrs. Frances Perkins; (Miss Frances Perkins) - Victim; Extortion, Bureau File #100-6033.

In accordance with your request, the original evidence listed above as specimens K1 and K2 is being returned to your office herewith, appropriate photographic copies having been retained for the completion of the Laboratory's files. The remainder of the evidence submitted in connection with this case is being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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E. P. COFFEY

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

October 2, 1940

File # 9-6705-1

Lab. # 37925

Re: Unknown Subject;
Congressman Michael
Joseph Kennedy - Victim;
Extortion.

Examination requested by: Washington

Reference: letter of 9-26-40

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

Blaine

- Q1, One envelope postmarked "New York, New York, September 14, 1940, 5 P. M."
- Q2, Accompanying letter, handwritten, beginning "We accuse you Senators of U.S.C....", consisting of one sheet of paper.
- K1, Specimen of known handwriting of William Keeneally written on the back of one sheet of stationery of Congressman Kennedy, at the bottom of the page. It begins "Honorable Michael J. Kennedy: We are your constituents...". The writing at the top of the page is that of the Congressman's Secretary.

Specimens Q1 and Q2, written on stationery of the William Blaine House, 355 West 34th Street, New York, New York, were chemically treated for latent fingerprints but none of value could be developed.

It was concluded that specimens Q1 and Q2 were not written by William Keeneally whose known handwriting specimen is designated as K1.

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Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched against the laboratory's anonymous letter file and it was concluded that these specimens were written by the same person as specimens Q1 and Q2 submitted in connection with the case entitled, Anonymous Communication Addressed to "H. Lehman Governor, State Capitol, Albany, New York", Bureau File #62-59486. The specimens in 62-59486 were submitted by the New York Field Division with a letter dated August 24, 1940. The writer of these specimens is not known.

Photographic copies of specimens Q1 and Q2 submitted in connection with the instant case and also photographic copies of specimens Q1 and Q2 in file 62-59486 are being transmitted to your office herewith.

The original evidence submitted is being retained in the laboratory.

2 Bureau (62-59486)
2 Washington
1 New York
2 Laboratory (62-59486)

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JVB:ANK 9-6706-1
lab. 37925

OK 62-59486

October 2, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: Unknown Subject;
Congressman Michael Joseph
Kennedy, Victim; Extortion.
Identification in Anonymous
Letter File.

Under date of September 26, 1940 the Washington Field Office submitted to the laboratory for examination a letter and envelope which were received through the mail by the Honorable Michael Joseph Kennedy, a Congressman from the State of New York. This letter threatens to kill all persons voting for the Conscription Bill and is signed "Suicide Squad of N. Y. C.".

Mr. Blaine searched the handwriting on these specimens through the laboratory's anonymous letter file and identified it with the handwriting on specimens Q1 and Q2 which were submitted in connection with the case entitled, Anonymous Communication Addressed to H. Lehman, Governor, State Capitol, Albany, New York, Bureau File 62-59486. New York is the office of origin in this case and the specimens were submitted for examination with a letter dated September 26, 1940. This communication addressed to Governor Lehman is anti-Semitic and was apparently written by a Nazi sympathizer.

The interested field divisions are being advised of this identification.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

9/11/40
STH:AWKFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Report

September 3, 1940

File # 62-59486-1

Re: Anonymous Communication Addressed to
"H. Lehman, Governor, State Capital,
Albany, New York, N. Y.".

Lab. # 37402

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: letter of 8-24-40

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

Holland

- 62-59486-1 Q1, Envelope postmarked "New York, New York,
July 10, 1940, 4 P. M."
Q2, Accompanying letter beginning "You jews
Better....".

The questioned writing appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 was compared with the handwriting appearing in the anonymous letter file maintained in the laboratory but the examiner found nothing of particular interest or of such significance as would suggest field investigation. A photographic copy will be placed in this file and in the event of a future identification your office will be advised.

The original evidence is being retained in the laboratory.

1 Bureau
2 New York
1 Laboratory

9/7/40
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

September 3, 1940

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The original evidence is being retained in the laboratory.

1 Bureau
2 New York
1 Laboratory

New York, New York

FIMCG:cs

August 24, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention - Technical Laboratory

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an original letter and envelope which were sent to this office by ALBERT B. MOORE, Chief Inspector, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, New York State Police, Troy, New York.

Inspector MOORE stated in his letter of July 16, 1940, that this anonymous communication was received by His Excellency Governor LEBLANC through the United States mails and postmarked New York City, July 10, 1940.

Inspector MOORE stated that he thought that the letter might be connected with something already in the FBI files.

It is desired that this letter be checked through the handwriting files for the purpose of determining whether the writer of the letter can be identified.

Very truly yours,

B. E. SACKETT
Special Agent in Charge

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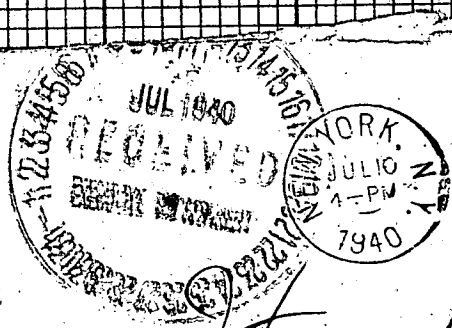
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Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice - 62-59486-1 Q1



H. Lehman
Governor
State Capital
Albany,
New York,
N.Y.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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to "H. Lehman, Governor, State Capital,
Albany, New York, N. Y."

Lab. # ~~37402~~
File # ~~62-59486-1~~

Examination requested by: New York

Date of reference communication: let 8-26-40

Date blocked: 8-27-40 ft

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: HOLLAND

62-55640-31

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope postmarked New York, N. Y. Jul 10, 1940 4 PM.
Q2 Accompanying letter beginning "You Jews Better..."

Hitler must come)
Here - Jan 1941

Jew N. R. H.

(KKK)

So long

PAHES T. N. E. -

Dear sent rats

RECEIVED

JUL 12 1940

Communists

COUNSEL TO GOVERNOR

You Jews Better
form a Jewish army to go
war seas & stop Hitler
You Jews (No Americans) are
worried over Hitler we
citizens have nothing to fear and
are safe even if Hitler comes
Here at the Rate You Jew
Red. are persecuting Americans
or frame & plotting for
Deserve a Hitler & you
will have one - if you
don't stop - Communizing tried

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For B's delivery of file

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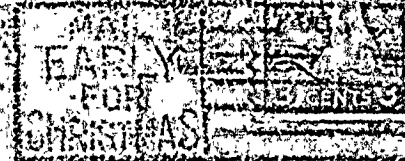
1 cc B's

and your double crossing gang of labor Robots
Naturally a Dumbbell. like you, will think
that I am a Communist. this is not so
I am closed. as are of the storming americans
for this unfathomed fools pondice dropped in to
the web - means the overthrow of this
legislated Robbing form of government. if the engineers
NYC. would not double. There's a Big Building
going to be missed from their present
foundations in other words. These Big
Building and Robbing Hospital are going to be
blown to Hell like it. as not your bastards
farmers are not getting a way. with it any
longer a lot of these High pressure plants
are going skward not by me. However but
by the engineers in NYC. so long you
political Rots and farmers and farmers

John Rogers
Organizer of the storming
americans

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*Mrs. Frances Perkins
Secretary of the A. F. of L.
1 Dept of Labor
Washington
D. C.*

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice - 8-705-1 01

62-55670

Brooklyn ny December the 16,th,1939

Chairman of the N L R B,
Washington DC
Dear Sir

Now as there is nothing Left of the N L R B But the name You Birds Should Have it Easy Until the Over throw Comes on the Coming Election Day in 1940,at present time This Country is at an all time High as far as Production is concerned Yet we Have an all time Low Wage,especially a Mong 36,000,Licensed Stationary Steam engineers in New York City these men are still working 12,Hours a Day 7 Days a Week,you Birds that Controls the National Labor Board Racket Cant See this i am Quite sure... of course Could not Find these places,so for you Blind Guids i am Giveing you Rips The names of these Labor Robbing Dumps a Long with their Street NO, &, at these addresses Licensed Engineers are still working 12.

Hours a Day 7 Days a week for a lower standard of liveing then that in with their Names and street NO, &,address you blind Guids Can with the aid of a messenger boy find these Lousy dumps,Quote First comes the Hebrew Home of the aged at Howard & Duemont AVE, Brooklyn These Charity Thieves nays next to Nothing,Next comes another Bunch of Labor Robbers at 871,Bushwick AVE Brooklyn,Next comes another Labor Robbing dump at the name of ... Marries Hospital at Fort washington AVE on the hill at the East End of the George Washington Bridge you can Easy find this Bug infested Dump its so Rotten that You Blind Labor Leaders can Smell it ,Next comes a dirty Joint at 112,East 83,Street Next comes anothes Lousy Dump at 11,East 32,Street one Block from the Empire state Building.You Dum artists Should Easy find this Dump,Next comes The ST,Johns,Hospital at 480,Herkimer street Brooklyn,Next comes another Bunch of Long faced Chairity thieves that Runs the Rockaway Beach Hospital,?,at Rockaway Beach,Li The louseyest Dump that Heads the List is the ST,Johns Hospital as giving a Bove this Bug infested Joint pays next to Nothing for

engineers,?,i could Give you many pages of these Charity Robbing Thieves Street NO, &,And address,after you Blind Labor Leaders with the aid of a Messenger Boy investigate these Lousy joints you will see at once That all that Exists of the N L R B is the name and a Big payeing Job For a Bunch of Blind Guids,its not communist that These Labor Robbers are Squawking a bout its a Last stand to Fool you Blind guids and Mental Criples,you Dumbells Had better see that Roosevelt Runs the 3,rd time this may stay off the Over throw That is long Over dew,we are not Voteing the Republican ticket or,The Dir Hard we are not Voteing for this Little Pinheaded John Garner This Poker playeing Whiskey Drinking Evil Old man is a die Hard in Other words J P Morgan would be president and this Drunken Old Man Could get Drunk and stay Drunk for 4,Years if roosevelt is Elected 4,Years more it might stay off the Revolt thats Far Over dew Donch you think that some of you Political Ripvanwinkles Should tell The Rich Man that he has gawn to far,in fact these Wage slav Drivers Has Gawn as far as they are going Until the Fireing Squad Takes Them For that Last Mile Walk,?,These Legal Robbers should stop Worrieing a Bout the debt of the country what theseSlave Exploiters now Should worry a Bout if they are still to have the Country,The Slaves are tired of seeing the Labor Racket Board Revising to Suit the Labor Robbers we are not Complaine Done all he can with his Rebels and 62-55640-80 the Present Form of government he cant do no more c,Kibser,Kimberly Hotel,at 74,Street &,Broadway,no answer Please do something????

as a Proswades i would Show the Elevator Captain MR Murphy a
 Piece of Rubber Hose, it might Frighten MR, Murpgy to Talk, Charlie
 Deals in most Every thing From dope to Takeing them for a Ride of
 Course Charlie Never does any of the Dirty work His self he Has a Lot
 of Under cover Boys Charlie Brother John Bernello that works For the
 lackawana is in a Position to get the Danimite, Through John Kielty the
 Roadmaster, For the D.L.&W, Charlies New Labor Racket Guarntees
 Stationary steam Engineers wages to Double and if these wages are not
 Doubled in Just a Few days these Hospitals Named are going to be Given

Works, you see its Realy time that these mens wages Should be Doubled
 and Charlie Knowes this so watch MR Murphy the Elevator Captain at this
 hotel, Murphy Has nothing to do with Charlie But to keep Him posted
 Murphy is only a Co, Ordinator Realy Murphy never will Danimite anything

Dont make a Mostake Charlie is Mutch Liked at this Hotel Charlie Usto
 be an Engineer at this Swell dump the police Dept Has Charlies Reckord
 Where he aplied For an Engineers License and Failed to get them Under
 Capt, Mott, Charlie give a Phoney Reference to Quolifie The police all
 Most Got this Bird that time The police Station near the Esplanade
 Hotel Has Charlies Photographs and Fenger Prints, you can See how Nice
 charlie Looks in His Pictdre Charlie is a Bout 6, FT, and weighs a Bout
 178, LBS, Speaks the siwash Canadian French this he Learnet in Connection
 with The Dope Business,

Yours truly, Charleys Friend, ?,

Brooklyn Ny July the 31, 1940

Mayor LaGuardia
New York City
Dear Sir

as you Perhaps allredy Know that the Spies in NYC, are getting so
Thick that these Rats now Wares Badges to Keep from Spieing on Each
Other, as Dum as you are you Should Know that it was a Case of Espionage
in Canada WNT, Iestoday i Hapen to Know this Mussolinie Rat done the
Job for John Bernello This John bernello is a Paid Spie by Cardinal
Spellman of NYC Spellman is Mussolinies Mouth, Oregon in NYC, John
Bernello is a Krry Gang Foreman on the track For the Lackawana RR, CO
at Hoboken, Under an Other Espianage Director By the Name of John, Kiefty
who is a Roadmaster For the D,L,&W, at hoboken, These Ginnie Rats are
to Blow up Bridges and Put the railroads on the Bum, if this Country
Unsal in on of Hitlers Rackets These Ginnie Rats are to Blow up a Bout
all of the High pressure Boilers in Hospitals and Other High Pressure Plants
in NYC, as Blind and Dum as you are you Should Know that the Stationary
Steam Engineers in Hospitals are Paid nothing these mens Existence is
Fak Helw that in sing, Sing, For a Doublecrossing Politician Like You
Heard some of the places that Going to be Blown up Shortly as these
Lousy Long Faced Charity thieves Pays their Engineers nothing as these
Dum artists that investigates Things Heares the Names and Addresses
of these Charity Robbing Joints thats Dew to Go up in Smoke as the
Gandoh Plant did, First on the List to go up is The Park East Hospital
at 118 East 85 Street Manhattan, Next is the Hebrew Home of the aged
at Howard A. Duemont, AVE, Brooklyn Next on the list is the ST Johns
Hospital at 480 Herkimer Street Brooklyn, this Lousy bug Ridden Dump
Pays their Engineers Nothing the Next Joint to go up in Smoke is at
871 Bushwick AVE, Brooklyn The Next is the ST. Maries Hospital at the
East End of the George Washington Bridge the Next is the Rockaway Beach
Hospital at Rockaway Beach L.I, you perhaps Know this is the Only
That we can Let the Boss Heare us that we Must Have our wages Raised
at Once if not With in 10 Days these Lousy Joints are Going to
no more on their Present Foundations, Like it or not you Dumbell
Had Better Get started as the Most of you Lousy Subway Plants are
the list, Get this in your Thick Head, Quote i my Self are not Connected
with these Danilite Gangs of Hitlers But i can tell you Who is at the
Head of this Daniliteing Movement of Hospitals and Subway Plants This
Birds Name is Charls Burnell This John Bernello of the Lackawana is a
Brother of this Charls Burnell, This Charley Left off the O, on his Name
Charles Burnell Can be found this way if you Stupids Go at it Right
you see this Charls Burnell is a Real Slick Guy in Fact to Slick for
Your Dumartists if you do not go at it Just right this Birds Hang out
in a Rather swell Place and Charlie Hands out a Lot of nice Sized
tips and he is Mutch Liked, at this well to do Place the Street Number
and address of this Place is the Esplanade Hotel, at 72, And west End AVE
Just a Cross the Street from Swabs Mansion, its to bad to interfere
with a Private Business That pays so well But you see Charley is Going
to get Labor Rackets, Like it or not Charley Means Business Charley is
just a Little to Far when He Blowes up Hospitals This is one of Charleys
a Friend of Mine and i Would like to see Him Sent up the River for a
long Stretch, The Elevator Captain at the Esplanade Hotel by the Name
of Murphy can find Charley For you Dumartists if you go at it Right
Charlie Goes a Lot of Places, He may now be Down in Florida in
Canada after some dope, Murphy can find Him if you

Brooklyn NY October the

Governor H. Leahman

ALBANY, NY

Dear Sir

~~It will be just to bad for your Lousy Hide if you fail to do something~~
~~about the Miserable Conditions of the 36,000 Licensed Engineers in NYC~~
~~we Expect you to do something at once Besides put up a Sham Battle a~~
~~gainst Labor if its Action you Lousy Jews want you will get it and at~~
~~Once, Talking about Hotel Fires and Boilers Being Blowed up, you~~
~~Lousy Rob~~ ~~bug Ridden Joint~~ ~~called Hospitals~~
~~are a~~ ~~den for Little Excitements~~ ~~List of Hospitals that~~
~~Going to get the Works, First Comes the Lousy Joint of the Hebrew Home.~~
~~of The aged at Howard & Duemont AVE, Brooklyn this Lousy Jew dump is to~~
~~be Blowed off of the Map in the Near Future Next comes a Lousy~~
~~Catholic Dump of a Hospital on Fort Washington AVE, at the west End of~~

~~The George Washington Bridge this is the ST. Maries Hospital, the Next~~
~~Jew Dump of a Hospital is at 871 Bushwick AVE Brooklyn, The Next one is~~
~~The Rockaway Beach Hospital, At Rockaway Beach, L.I, the Next Bunch of~~
~~Charity Robers thats daw to go Skyward by Danimite is the Bug Ridden~~
~~Joint Called the ST. Johns Hospital at 480, Herkimer ST, Brooklyn,~~

~~the Next Jew Dump of a Hospital is Blowed up is the Park East~~
~~Hospital at 112, East 83, ST, Manhattan the Next in line to go up in~~
~~Smoke is the Espionage Hotel at 606, West End AVE, these hotel Thieves~~
~~Pays nothing for Engineers at all, the wages is Far below Messenger~~
~~boys wahes The next Jew dump of a Joint to go up in Smoke is the~~
~~Stratford, Hotel at 11, East 32, ST, Manhattan, The next Hotel that on~~
~~the List at present is a Lousy bunch of Labor robbers at the Oldcott~~
~~Hotel, Centrel Park East, Near 75, ST 7 Central park West, you Lousy~~
~~Jew Labor Robers that dont pay Licensed Engineers as Motch as a~~
~~Messenger boy you Birds are now Listed to. Heare from the Engineers of~~
~~NYC, Like it or not Unless your Hide is Mighty tough you better~~
~~invest in a Bullet proof Vest and take out some More life insurance~~
~~I am out of a Job dont forget my advice about the Vest.~~

Yours truly John Rogers
address 305 West End AVE NYC
PS I am not Known by this Name Heare

No Finger Prints on this Letter it has
Been wiped off

Chairman of the National Labor Racket Board

Washington DC
Dear sir

in Colsed find First Example of the way That 36,000,Licensed Engineers Has undertaking to Make the Charity Thieves Raise our wages in NYC you Birds of the National Labor Racket Board Dont seem to want to Know that Thousands of Licensed Engineers in NYC are working For Less Then 20,Cents an Hour in these Charity Robbing Joints called Hospitals we Have started in to Make these Charity Thieves Set up and Take notice That we want a increase in Pay if we Have to Blow up these Charity thieves that Runs these Robbing Dumps of Hospitals

after you cum arivists Reads this piece of Bull F... in closed, Hears What Really Happened The Threads on this air Valve was Reduced in Size by Using a File then the air Valve was Stuck in to the Hole of the Radiator and taped up and as soon as this Nurse left The Nursery This party went ... and Opened up the Bypass Valve ... The Reducing Valve this Bypassed the Boiler,pressure Full Force on to the Radiator this Blowed out the air,Valve and it only took 20, Seconds to fill the Nursery with Live Steam,i Suppose you Overeducated Morons of the Labor Racket board are to Mutch Uninformed a Bout any and all things as to know Just how Steam is aplyed to Radiators in Hospitals,Well hears the way it is done Say your Boilers Carried 125,LBS,Steam pressure the Steam is aplyed to Radiators over a Reducing Valve thats set to Operate at from 5,to,15.LBS Pressure on the radiator ,But in all Cases there is a Bypass a Round this Reducing Valve that can be Opened up and put Full Boiler Pressure on the Radiators Get this in your Thick Head ,?,all Reducing Valves Has this by ... is for in case that the Reducing Valve gets out of order thay can Let a Little steam a Round the Reducing Valve while the Reducing Valve is Beaing Repaired Theres Generaly a Steam Gauge in the Line between the Reducing Valve and the Radiator The Engineer Opens up this Bypass Valve Just Enough to allow 5,LBS of Pressure to pass over i suppose you Overeducated Political,Morons Can Get the Operation of this as Heare described in to your Thick Heads,well this is How we are going to Make the charity Thieves That Runs Hospitals Raise Our wages From 20,Cents an Hour to one Dollar an hour,you Labor Board Racketteers cant see us 36,000 Engineers in NYC working 12,Hours a Day 7,Days a week For 60,Dollars a Month,well if we Have to join in with the Communists Spies to Get a Raise in pay,?,Ok,we will blow up Enough of these Charity Robers to Make these Fornicators take Notice i will Have More News For you Shortly in the way of Fires Floods and Explosions and other so Called Accidents if we Have to Resort to this we all Voted for Roosevelt Hopeing that He might do something for us well we are tired of this Starvation wateing,Hooover wages and Democratic prices

Yours Truly
John,Rogers Engineer,

Wage & Hour Administration
Washington DC

Gentlemen of Political affairs

its allways Good for a Sneeze to Heare from you Birds of the Political Front Line of Baloney artists. We Have Eard so much of your Horse Redish & Burries Over the air and through the Papers that it has become just Ordinary Static to us 36,000 Licensed Stationary Steam Engineers in New York, Just What do you Birds Meanly, this Wage Hour Stuff Do you Dum Artist in Washington know that at this Present time that Thousands of Licensed Engineers are Working 12 Hours a Day 7 Days a Week For Less then 20 Cents an Hour in New York City, I am shore that Even you Blind Guids at the Political Racket in Washington DC allredy know this Heeres a List of Charity Robbing Joints that Calls their Selves Hospitals, First on the list that Pays Engineers Less then 20 Cents an hour is a Lousy Jew Dump of a Hospital at 871 Bushwick Ave Queens NYC next to these Charity Thieves comes an other Bug Riden Dump, a Hospital at 112 East 83 Street Manhattan next to this Jew

Dump Comes an Other Jew Dump of a hospital ^{POWER IS COMMUNIST ANTE}
 Brooklyn, NY, the name of the Hebrew home of the black next to this is an
 Other Bunch of Charity Thieves that Operates the St. James hospital
 Fort Washington, Ave at the west end of the George Washington Bridge
 Can't have any trouble of finding this Dump as its so rotten that
 Even a politician can ^{WINDS} find it. Next Comes
 The St. Johns Hospital at 480 Herkimer Street Brooklyn. Next Dump says
 Next to Nothing for Engineers, in a 450,000 plant for High Pressure
 Boilers if you Political Romancers wish us to Resort to Blowing up
 bonds of these Charity Robbing Joints to get as much as 30 cents an
 hour for Engineers this is one way that we can attract you N.L.R.B.
 you National Labor Board Rackets attention Get it straight theres a
 lot of these lousy joints thats going up if you Labor Board
 Racketteers cant see up 36,000 Licensed Engineers in NYC like it or
 Few of these Charity Thieves that Pays Licensed Engineers less then
 20 cents an hour, in NYC Believe it or Not,
 If us Engineers wish to Join in with Communist Spies we Can Get as
 Much as 30 cents an hour for Licensed Engineers

Yours truly, John Rogers
305 West End Ave. NYC Esplanade Hotel
at 74 Street, & West End Ave, NYC

PS: HINDS Spi's are so thick in NYC that these Birds Has to wear
 badges to keep from ~~Smother~~ On Each Other if we are Forced to Fill in
 Line a-Gainst our Own Country in Order to Get Engineers Wages its Up
 to You Political misrepresentation at Washington Like it or not
 The Engineers thats working For nothing in these Charity Robbing
 Dumps of Hospitals are all fed up on your Brand of Paloney if we
 Have to Fall in Line with the Communists and Blow up some of these
 High Pressure Boilers Ok, you will Heare from us in that language
 WE all Voted for Roosevelt we thought that we would Get Help

62-55640-80

Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Dept. of Justice- 62-55640-1 Q1



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ASK YOUR POSTMAN



Chairman, of the N, L, R, B,

Washington, DC

62-55640-30

Federal Bureau of Investigation U.S. Dept. of Justice 62-55640-11 Q5



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~~ROYAL L. BROWN~~

Albany, NY

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9-7088-2 K3

62-55640

Form 22
ORDER TO CHANGE ADDRESS
(This cancels all previous orders)

DATE _____, 19__

PRINT OR WRITE PLAINLY AND IN FULL

NEW ADDRESS
STREET AND NUMBER 501 Nassau St.

PERMANENT OR FOR _____ DAYS Bellmore, L. I. N.Y.
(City) (State)

LAST OLD
LOCAL ADDRESS 1215 Sheriot Ave. Brooklyn

OTHER OLD LOCAL
STREET ADDRESSES 101 Sturton Ave. Hempstead

NAME OF
PERSON OR FIRM John Rogers

WRITE SIGNATURE John Rogers

Patrol or Authorized Agent.

NOTICE: Place check mark (✓) in proper square hereunder.

☐ This change of address for the individual signer only.

☒ This change of address for entire family or firm.

(See other side for important notice)

CLERKS'
ENDORSEMENTS

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CARRIERS'
ENDORSEMENTS

K3719

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IN DIRECTORY

62-55640-30

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

JOHN ROGERS, was. Isaac Xibser, "Charley's Friend"
Re CHAIRMAN, N.L.R.B. - Victim
WAGE & HOUR ADMINISTRATION - Victim; GOV. HERBERT H.
LEHMAN - Victim; MRS. FRANCIS PIERKINS - Victim
MAYOR F. H. LA GUARDIA - Victim
PRESIDENT F. D. ROOSEVELT - Victim

Lab. #44672

File #9-7088-2

62-55640

EXTORTION
Examination requested by: ~~Chicago~~ New York, New York

Date of reference communication: 3/18/41

Date blocked: 3/21/41 AB

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q4 Photostatic copy of a letter addressed to "Mayor LaGuardia" and beginning "as you perhaps already know that the Spies in NYC, are....."
- Q5 Second page of letter beginning "Talk, as a Proxwades I would show the Elevator Captain, etc....."
- K1 Purported HHH handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a Christmas Card addressed to "Mr. Robert Martin" and beginning "Just a line hoping to find you in good....."
- K2 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a letter written on a grey christmas card and beginning "Just a line to let you know....."
- K3 Purported handwriting of John Rogers consisting of a photostatic copy of a "OMASH TO CHARGE ADDRESS" card.

K1 + K2 returned
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Specimen #1 of handwriting of Wesley Hampton

4/17/41

CAB

~~Wesley Hampton~~

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K-1

Brooklyn NY

April 17 - 1941

Dear Madam

Dear Sir

Encase is having a
lot of trouble

Encase

public school a washer is bad
what's wrong with it

Why don't you get started

pieces are clanking up

John Rogers

Gen Washington

President Roosevelt

Specimen #2 of handwriting of Wesley Hampton

4/17/41

CAB

~~Wesley Hampton~~

62-55640-18

K-2

Dear Mademo

Your account is over draw
if you don't pay soon
I think it will become a bad
american federalist of labor

John Rogers

John Rogers

John Rogers

John Rogers

John Rogers

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John Rogers

John Rogers

John Rogers

Specimen # 3 - a of handwriting of Wesley Hampton.

4/17/41.

CAB

~~Wesley Hampton~~

62-55640-18

K-3

Brooklyn NY

Dec 5 1940

Mrs. Frances Perkins
Secretary of the Federal Bureau of Labor

Dear Madam

As dumb as you are
you should know that this country
is not going to pay wages war det
just once more if to speed up
this Over New Revolution in this
cells fools country all you wait have
to do is to sit idly by and look on
Labor Beauty Raved this anti strike
stuff is like fuse to the cannon
powder Key of Labor Rubing
get this in your thick head: it
can happen again here. You dumbbells
and Blind Guards in Washington: Better
Watch out. and don't leap in the dark
We are not paying England det just once
this Blind Guards, political manufacturers
are no reaching the end of their Blind
assie. it will be the fire of God: for you and
your bunch of Federal Bureau of Labor Labor is
Raid nothing nothing while prices are
clanking up. You Had Better Resign

Specimen 3 - b of the handwriting of Wesley Hampton.

4/17/41

CB

~~Wesley~~

62-55640-28

K-4

and same. your own Lousy kids if you cant see
the Rocks thats just a mass of your little labor
Canoe. its the firing of you and your
Double crossing gang of Labor Masters.

naturally a dumbell like you. Well think
I am a Communist. this nat so. I am closed
as one of the starving Americans. for this
untarried fools paradise to be dropped in to the war
means the over throw of this hyzged Robbing
for of Government. if the engineers in New York City
Wages. is not doubled theres a lot of Big Buildings

going to be missed from their present foundation
in other words. these Big Buildings, and
Robbing Hospitals. going to be blown to Hell.
Like it or not. You Bastards and fannaters
are not getting a way with it any longer a lot of
these high pressure plants are going to be
not by the hand ever. But by the engineers
in New York City. so long you. Rats
and fannaters

John Rogers Roberts and
Organizer of the starving Americans.

Specimen 4 of handwriting of Wesley Hampton .

4/17/48

CAB

~~Wesley Hampton~~

62-55640-18

K-5

Rosen
Kibser
Bunnell
John Roger

George Kibser

Edward Elmhurst

Specimen 5 of handwriting of Wesley Hampton
4/17/41
CWB

~~Wesley Hampton~~

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K-16

Brooklyn NY

Dec 5

1940

Misses Perkins

Specimen 6 of handwriting of Wesley Hampton...

4/17/41

CWB

[Signature]

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K-17

Had letters typed By Rose Fitzgerald
Vickrey Barker Bldg 42 and Broadway
27 floor Waverly Bldg

Vickrey Barker Bldg
15 floor

Specimen 7 of handwriting of Wesley Hampton

4/17/41

CMB

~~Wesley Hampton~~

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K-8

Public stenographer Woolworth Bldg
Kickerbacker Bldg

Specimen 8 - a of handwriting of Wesley Hampton

4/17/41

CWB

~~Attn.~~

62-55640-18

K-9

Brooklyn NY

Dec 5

1940

Miss Francis Perkins
Secretary of the American Federation of
Labor.

Dear madam

as dumb as you are you should know that
this country not going to pay England
war debt just once more. if you wish to speed
up overdraw revolution in this old fossil
country. all you will have to do is to sit
idly by and look on labor being robbed this
antislavery stuff is the fuse. to the American
powder keg of labor robbery. get this in your
thick head. it can happen here. you dumbbells
and blind guides in Washington Better watch out
and don't leap in the dark we are not paying
England war debt. just once more. this blind
guides and paternal farm colonies are now reaching
the end. of their paternal blind alley it will
be the firing squad. for you and your bunch
of falsification of labor. labor is paid nothing
while prices are doubling up you had better
resign and save. Join our Lousy side if you
can't see the Rocks. shots just a head of your
little labor campaign of the firing squad. for you

Specimen 8-b of handwriting of Wesley Hampton

4/17/41

COB

~~Wesley Hampton~~

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K10

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.
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Mr. Coffey	Mrs. Rixse
Mr. Buckley	Mr. Robyak
Mr. Delavigne	Mr. Upton
Mr. Engert	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Potter	Mrs. Withers
Mr. Andrews	Assembly
Mr. Deiss	Card Index
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Mr. Irwin	✓ Files Section
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Mr. Knowles	Mail Room
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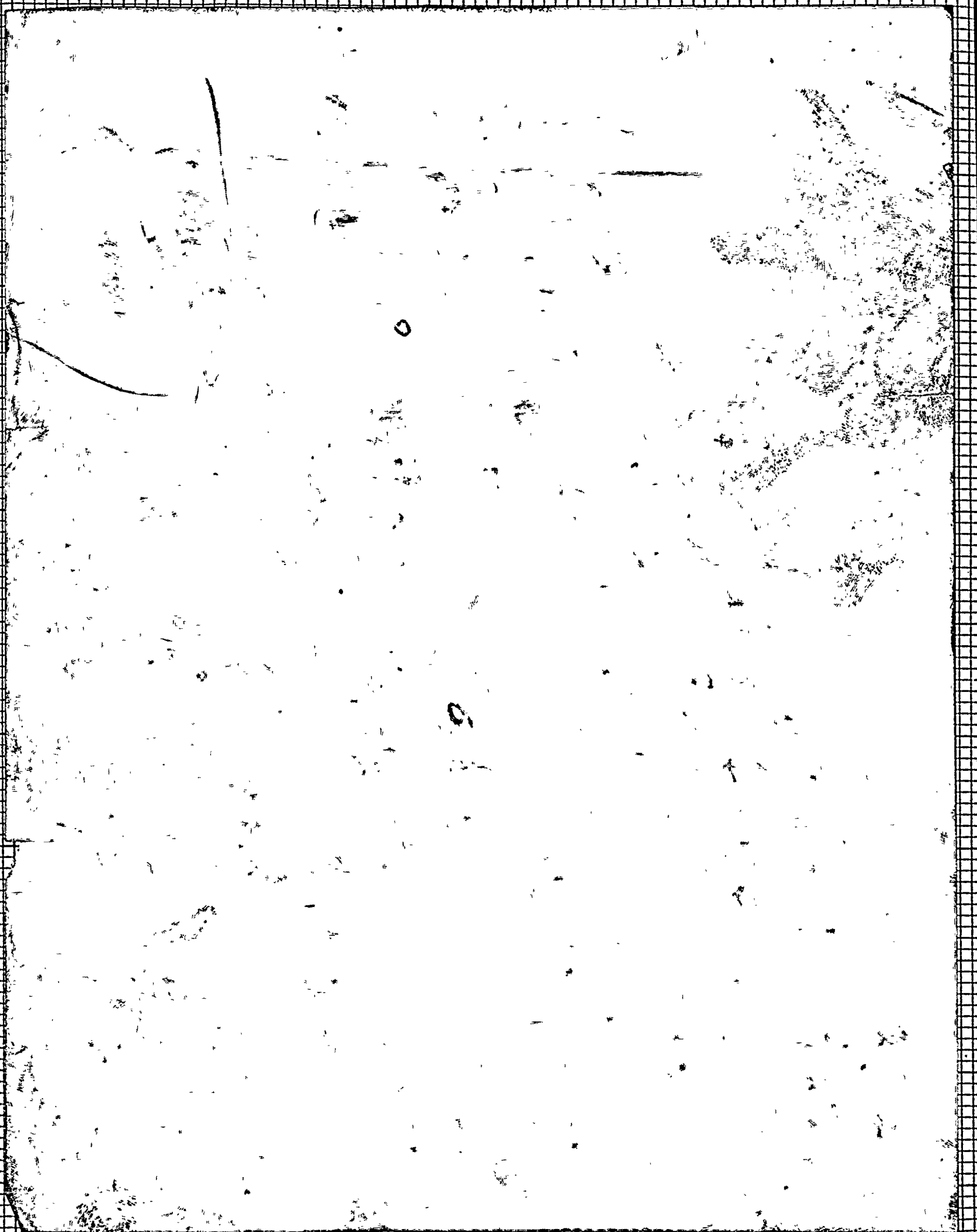
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L. J. Fallon
L. J. Fallon





Mrs. Frances Perkins
Secretary of the A-7 of 1
Dept of Labor Washington

You can't hangy Nick if you can't see
the RACKS. That's just a head of your
little Labor Canavan its one hiring squad
for you and your double crossing gang of
Labor Robbers - naturally a Dum Bell like you
will think that I am a Communist
this is not so I am classed as one of
the starving americans for this
unpartified fools Paradise to be dragged in
to the war - means the Overthrow of this
legitimized Robbing farm of government.
if the engineers in NYC wages is not
doubled there's a lot of Big Buildings
going to be missed from their present
foundations in other words these Big
Buildings and Robbing Hospitals are going to
be blown to Hell like it or not you.

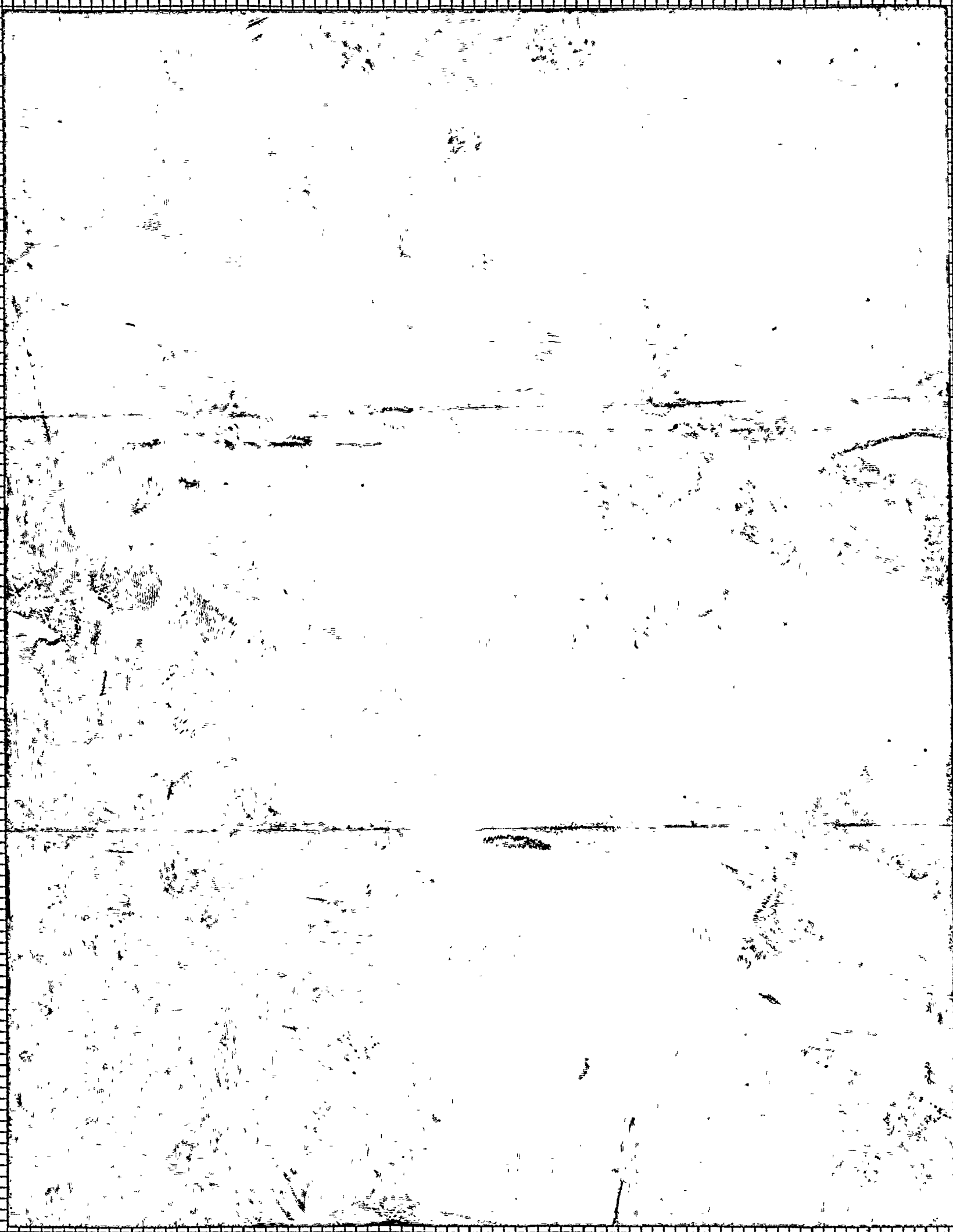
bastards and fornicators are not getting a
way with it any longer a lot of these
High Pressure Plants are going skyward
not by me Hammer but by the engineers
in NYC.

So long you

Patrol Rats and fornicators

John Rogers

Organizer of the starving
americans



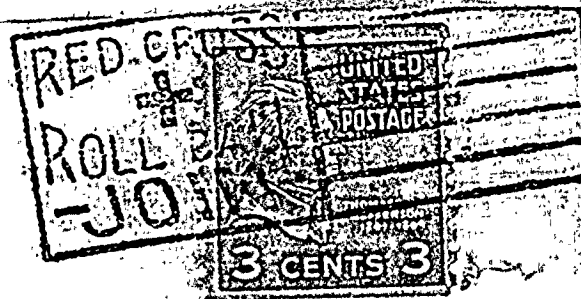
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~~supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.~~

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Suggestion
for more
speed for
defense
No aid to
England



Private affairs only

President Roosevelt
Washington
Dc

I do a way with that crazy man's idea
of civil service in all ship yards with 3
Eight Hour shifts 7 days a week This
old Jim Skunk that we used call our
uncle Sam Had Better come out of His
stupor yet this old Rip started doing
things - Keep our Honours of Name as
soon as England loses we will need them
to bring on the Over dew Revolution
Heave in this all fools country just
suggest that we pay englands war
Debt just once more. dont Be Kided
Tahar is paid nothing Heave and these
men are not so Overheated a Bant any
country 36000 Engineers in r y e walking
far less then a sing sing's ex-stance
dont let england and Her Bunch Heave
Make a sop out of You like she did
Wilson. at least Will did Have
judgement enough to Hire the men at
the got after they satisfied the Blind
Guids that they was american Citizens
and could do the work - For get all
Left Peddle this line of Harsh Redish
Knownen as civil service in ship yards
James Smiley
one of your all time
Vaters

J. A. KIBSER

Isaac Kibser

No answer necessary - to Sam Thompson

Brooklyn NY

No st. add.

Nov 25.

1944

President Roosevelt
Washington D.C.

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Dear Sir

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
5 DEC 2 1940
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

if you want to bring an end to this fools unfortified Paradise I suggest that you blind guide and rip us we pay Englands war debt just once more Get this straight England is not winning this war. at to day like it or not England is not winning England is loosing and if you Drum artist and blind guide at Washington weakens this fools countrys defence by giving it to England its the Rocks at High tide but this land of liars. Get this straight we are not paying Englands war debt just once more. Englands are loosing why should you incurable liars sit the head of this all fools country want us to loose. with England unless you can started to seeing and gaining things for our national Defence at once its the Rocks for all fools country - quote you dont seem to be able to get your national Defence years in mess. why operate an a fools plan. the word is get doing things. quote Do a war with this hillbait who...

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/19/56

FROM: SAC, WFO (86-42)

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al;
Chief Justice EARL WARREN, et al;
VICTIMS
AFO

On July 18, 1956, in connection with investigative procedure in instant case, FRED HOCKETT was reinterviewed at his place of residence, 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E. This interview was conducted by Special Agents JAMES F. DURKIN, Jr., and CHARLES M. BEALL.

It should be pointed out that in the previous interview of HOCKETT on July 15, this interview was conducted on his front porch and no entrance was effected in any way into HOCKETT's apartment proper.

During the interview HOCKETT again brought up the fact that he intended to sue the Metropolitan Police Department and the FBI, ~~this was~~ in no way initiated by interviewing agents. HOCKETT again made the allegation that an FBI agent had, "pushed into his apartment and otherwise acted in an obnoxious manner." At this point the interviewing agents asked HOCKETT as to the specific actions the agent from the FBI had done during the interview on July 14. As has happened previously, HOCKETT then changed his story stating that in fact the FBI representative on the July 14 interview had stayed in the background and conducted himself at all times as a gentleman. HOCKETT then made a half-hearted threat that he was going to file suit on the afternoon of this interview. As HOCKETT dropped the subject no further reference was made to the same by interviewing agents.

As a matter of record, however, it is set out that at all times when HOCKETT had discussed this threatened suit he has used, interchangeably, the terms FBI and Police. On such instances the interviewing agents would then insist upon a clear-cut distinction as to the representatives of each agency. He would then become apologetic for any references made to the FBI specifically.

In order to evaluate statements made by Mr. HOCKETT it should be noted that the interviewing agents got the impression that he changes from a period of calmness to one of high exciteability when he is discussing the subject of segregation. It is at these times that he makes many threats and rash statements and after his moment of anger has subsided he, infact, apologizes for them and talks rationally.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

7/19/56

RE: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al;
AFO

There has been no record of any suit filed as of July 19, A. M., and it is the opinion of the interviewing agents that HOCKETT is "popping off" and will never, in fact, take any formal action in this matter.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *Rw*

DATE: 7/20/56

FROM : F. L. Price *FLP*SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL, VICTIMS
ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

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Gandy	_____

In my memorandum of 7/15/56 information was set forth concerning allegation made by Fred Plant Hockett, one of the subjects involved in the burning of crosses, to the effect that Agents of the Bureau and officers of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) were belligerent and forced their way into his apartment during interview with him of 7/14/56. Memoranda were obtained from personnel involved, and our recommendation that no administrative action be taken with regard to personnel was approved.

In connection with investigation of this case, it was necessary to reinterview Hockett on 7/18/56 in view of additional information that had been developed. During the course of reinterview, Hockett again alluded to his original allegation, saying an Agent pushed into his apartment and otherwise acted in an obnoxious manner. He again halfheartedly threatened to file suit against Bureau and MPD. When pressed by interviewing Agents as to specific actions by Agent personnel which caused him to make his allegation, Hockett changed his story, stating that, in fact, Agent on 7/14/56 interview conducted himself at all times as a gentleman.

In letter of 7/19/56, SAC Laughlin, Washington Field Office, furnished the above information and pointed out that whenever Hockett has mentioned his threatened suit he has interchangeably used terms FBI and police. When Agents insisted upon clear-cut distinction as to which representatives of each agency he was referring to, he would become apologetic for any reference made to FBI specifically.

SAC Laughlin pointed out that in evaluating Hockett's statements, interviewing Agents received the impression that he talks calmly and rationally until he gets on the subject of segregation, at which time he becomes highly excited and angered. During these times he makes many threats and rash statements but after his anger has subsided he then apologizes and talks rationally.

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This is submitted for your information.

FGB:fkf
(8)cc: Mr. Nichols
Mr. Mohr

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The Attorney General

July 23, 1956

Director, FBI

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL.;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL. - VICTIMS;
ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a report prepared by our Washington Field Office which is dated July 21, 1956. This report sets out in detail the results of additional investigation conducted by our Agents on July 19 and 20, 1956, some of which was summarized in my memorandum of July 20, 1956. Attached to the enclosed report is a Photostat of a signed statement dated July 21, 1956, which Ronald Eugene Rowley has given to Agents of our Washington Field Office. Copies of the enclosed report and Rowley's statement are being furnished to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Olney with copies of this memorandum.

In addition to the information set forth in the enclosed report which was summarized in my memorandum of July 20, 1956, the report reflects interviews with additional individuals who were present at a meeting of the White Citizens Council in Southeast Washington on the night of July 13, 1956. These individuals are Ernest R. Cunningham, 1821 18th Street, Southeast, Washington, an employee of the Naval Gun Factory, and Ollie Linwood Bell, 1301 U Street, Southeast, Washington, also an employee of the Naval Gun Factory. Both of these individuals admitted attending the July 13, 1956, meeting of the White Citizens Council and both denied that the matter of burning crosses was discussed or planned at the meeting. Neither of these individuals admitted that he had knowledge that crosses were to be burned and both advised that they learned that crosses were burned in the District area only through reading of the activity in the newspapers.

Edward L. Strohecker, 1116 Portner Road, Alexandria, Virginia, advised Agents that he is interested in movements to protect the rights of the white people but is not interested in any organization that does not conduct itself in a legal, orderly fashion. He stated he has met John Kasper, allegedly the organizer

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cc: Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont

See cover memorandum Price to Rosen dated 7/23/56 FGB:ews.

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of the Washington White Citizens Council, and Kasper has visited in his home. He said he was not impressed with Kasper or the latter's handling of the White Citizens Council and did not become associated with this organization. Strohecker denied having attended any meetings of the White Citizens Council but admitted knowing Ronald Eugene Rowley and said Rowley informed him that he had participated in the burning of the crosses.

Additional investigation has been conducted in the area of 4545 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest, the residence of Solicitor General Simon E. Sobeloff, and 3018 Dumbarton Avenue, Northwest, the residence of Justice Felix Frankfurter. However, no additional information has been developed as to the identity of the individuals burning crosses at these addresses.

The signed statement executed by Ronald Eugene Rowley sets forth details as to how he became acquainted with individuals in the White Citizens Council. In this statement Rowley identifies individuals he has met at these meetings and in his contact with members of the Council. Rowley also admits his participation with John David Lee and Fred Plant Hockett in the burning of crosses at the Sheraton-Park Hotel.

With regard to the cross that was burned at the residence of Mrs. Douglas King in Prince Georges County, Maryland, Rowley has advised in his statement that on the night of July 13, 1956, John Kasper mentioned to him that a Mr. Pearce was going to burn a cross somewhere that night. Rowley states that when Kasper mentioned the name Pearce, he knew Kasper meant a Mr. Pearce who is affiliated with the Maryland Petition Committee. Rowley stated he met this individual at a meeting of the White Citizens Council on June 15, 1956, at the Annapolis Hotel in Washington.

With regard to the Maryland Petition Committee, Incorporated, considerable information has been made available to Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins concerning this organization in the matter captioned "Maryland Petition Committee, Inc., Internal Security - X." It appears that this is an organization operating in Maryland engaged in efforts against desegregation.

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Investigation has disclosed that the individual named Pearce referred to by Rowley is possibly one John Herbert Pearce who resides at 4810 48th Avenue, Edmonston, Maryland. Pearce is presently on a vacation trip and his exact location is not known. Efforts are being made to locate Pearce for interview.

The additional information which has been developed in this investigation is being made available to the United States Attorney, Washington. Our investigation is continuing and you will be advised of the results.

~~Enclosure~~

cc: 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

~~(Enclosure)~~

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

~~(Enclosure)~~

The Attorney General

July 20, 1956

Director, FBI

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL.;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL. - VICTIMS;
ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a report prepared by our Washington Field Office dated July 20, 1956. This report sets forth in detail the results of investigation conducted by our Agents on July 18, 1956, this information being furnished to you in summary form in my memorandum of July 19, 1956. Copies of the enclosed report are being furnished to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Olney with copies of this memorandum.

For your further information, our Agents have conducted additional investigation concerning this matter on July 19, 1956. Edgar Franklin Johnston, who has previously identified himself to our Agents as Chairman of the Northwest Washington White Citizens Council, was again interviewed on July 19, 1956, and refused to furnish any information, but did allow Agents to photograph his automobile and himself. He advised that he would inform John Kasper, allegedly the organizer of the Washington White Citizens Council, the FBI desired to interview him and indicated that Kasper would be available for interview in the near future. Johnston did, however, state that one Earnest Cunningham attended the meeting of the White Citizens Council in southeast Washington on July 13, 1956, although he would not furnish further identifying information concerning this person. Efforts are being made to identify and locate Cunningham for interview.

Mrs. Alex James Hanna of Alexandria, Virginia, was reinterviewed. It was pointed out in my memorandum of July 19, 1956, that Mrs. Hanna refused to admit attendance at the White Citizens Council meeting of July 13, 1956, although her husband in a separate interview had admitted that he and his wife attended this meeting. This conflict was pointed out to Mrs. Hanna but she refused to further discuss the matter. During this interview, which was conducted at Mrs. Hanna's residence at the Temple Trailer Village, Agents noted a red half-ton pickup truck parked in the area which bore Georgia license plates. You will recall that a red pickup truck

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cc: Mr. Nichols
cc: Mr. Belmont

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comprised one of four automobiles which proceeded from southeast Washington to northwest Washington on the night of July 13, 1956, shortly before crosses were burned in the District area. When questioned concerning the presence of this truck, which Agents noted to be an International truck, Mrs. Hanna stated that it was owned by a friend, Mrs. Dupree, who was visiting her. This individual was present but appeared frightened and refused to furnish her name or any information other than to say her husband had used the truck to make a trip to Sumter, South Carolina, July 13 and 14, 1956, to bring her back to Alexandria.

Mr. Alex James Hanna was interviewed on two occasions on July 19, 1956. He stated that the truck parked at his trailer is the property of Dupree Henderson, a friend of Mrs. Hanna. Hanna stated that Henderson went to Sumter, South Carolina, on the evening of July 13, 1956, to pick up Henderson's wife and personal belongings and is now back in the Washington area, although Hanna denied knowing where Henderson and his wife are residing or employed. In response to questioning, Hanna stated that the truck he observed at the July 13, 1956, meeting of the White Citizens Council was a red Studebaker pickup truck.

An intensive investigation is still continuing to locate and interview all persons who may have information pertinent to this investigation. John Kasper has not been located to date but concentrated efforts are being continued to locate this individual for interview. The results of this investigation, as well as a copy of the enclosed report, are being made available to the United States Attorney in Washington. You will be advised of the results of our additional investigation.

Enclosure

cc: 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers (Enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Warren Olney III

NOTE: Washington Field Office (WFO) report of 7/20/56, which is being furnished to the Attorney General, Rogers and Olney, sets forth results of investigation conducted by WFO on 7/18/56. Contents of this report were summarized in memorandum to Attorney General of 7/19/56. The additional information set forth in instant memorandum was furnished in WFO airtel of 7/19/56.

Date July 15, 1956

Case References UNSUBS: Walter [redacted] Rowley, [redacted]

Consigned to: SAC, Baltimore

Felix Frankfurter, Earl Warren
Hebert Lehman, Simon Sobeloff
Mrs. Douglas King, Victims
Assaulting Federal Officers

List of Contents

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Q5

PERSONALLY RETURNED TO

DATE

Mr. Parsons, 7621
Mr. Conrad, 7621
Mr. Beach, 7133
Mr. Bowles, 7601
Mr. Downing, 6228 IB
Mr. Millen, 7140
Mr. Deiss, 6306 IB

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REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: SAC, Washington Field Office

July 19, 1956

There follows a report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence personally delivered on July 14, 1956.

UNSUBS.

Re: WALTER EUGENE ROWLEY, Subject
FELIX FRANKFURTER, EARL WARREN,
HERBERT LEHMAN, SIMON SOBLOFF,
MRS. DOUGLAS KING, Victims
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICERS,
MISCELLANEOUS

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

D-232381 HL

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office

Reference: None

Examination requested: Toolmarks, Spectrographic, Microscopic,
Chemical, Miscellaneous, Document

Specimen:

- Q1 Wooden cross recovered at home of FELIX FRANKFURTER. Item A
- Q2 Wooden cross, origin not stated. Item B
- Q3 Wooden cross recovered at Sheraton Park Hotel. Item C
- Q4 Wooden cross, origin not stated. Item D
- Q5 Wooden cross recovered at home of MRS. DOUGLAS KING.
- Q6 Hardboard sign bearing inscription "-- SOBLOFF JEW."
- Q7 Hardboard sign bearing inscription "EARL WARREN NIGGER LOVER."
- Q8 Hardboard sign bearing inscription "HERBERT LEHMAN JEW."
- Q9 Metal rod found at Sheraton Park Hotel.

Result of examination:

The hand printing appearing on specimens Q6 through Q8 was examined to determine if it was prepared by one individual. Due to the limited number of significant identifying characteristics and the limited nature of the comparable letters and letter combinations appearing in the questioned hand printing, it was not determined whether or not the hand printing on Q6 through Q8 was prepared by one individual.

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For your investigative information, similar styles of hand printing were used in the preparation of the questioned hand printing, and some characteristics in common were noted in the questioned hand printing on Q6 through Q8.

A previous Laboratory report was furnished concerning the results of the other examinations requested.

Evidence is retained.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

Re:

File # **89-816-53**
Lab. #

D-232381 HL

Examination requested by: **WFO**

Date of reference communication:

Date received:

Examination requested:

Result of Examination:

Examination by: *W. J. H. H.*

*Hp Q6 → Q8 No Cond by one person - line
sig Id char & line comb let & let comb. Sim style
of hp used to prep all three & some char in comb.
End Retained. Pres lat spl on other lat exams.*

Specimens submitted for examination

2cc + 1 WFO

cc: Richmond

Baltimore

Mr Rosen

Lab *[Signature]*

7/19/56

CHW: BCI-5

Q6

ON.

SOBELOFF

↓ ↓
JEW

Q7 EARLE WARREN
NIGGER³ LOVER

Q8 HERBERT² LEHMAN
↓ ↓
JEW

Hp -
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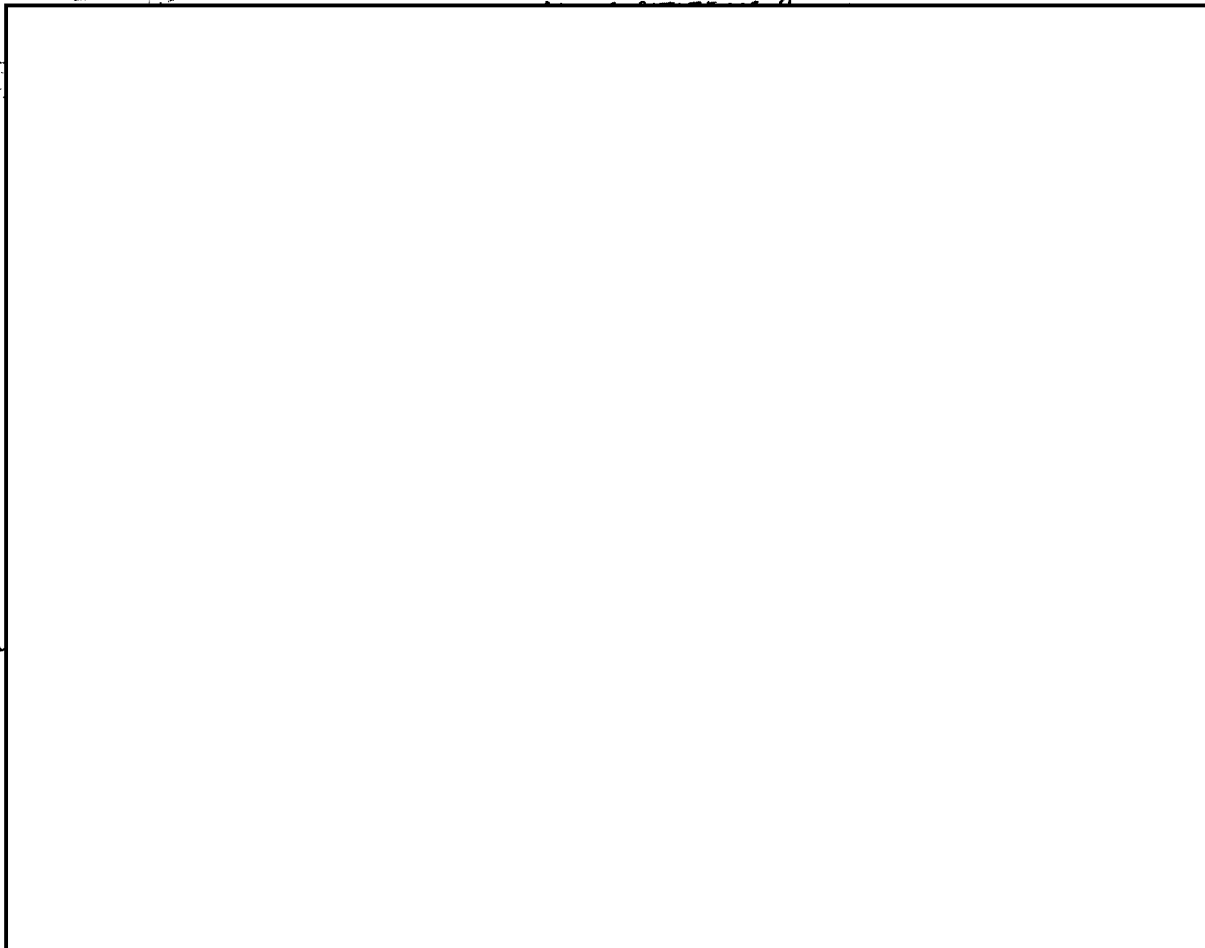
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**RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY,
et al.; Chief Justice
EARL WARREN, et al.-VICTIMS
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7/17/56

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Mr. Boardman ☒
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Re: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY,
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 16, 1956

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT:

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al,
Chief Justice Earl Warren, et al - Victims,
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Reference is made to the Director's inquiry as to whether the three individuals involved in the burning of the crosses were all members of the White Citizens' Council, and whether there had been any discussion at meetings of this organization concerning the burning of the crosses. There is attached the desired information.

It has been prepared in the form of a memorandum to the Attorney General, with a copy to Rogers, in the event the Director may desire to send it through to the Attorney General.

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Attachment

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Send Belmont
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as, Rogers & CSH

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *R*

DATE: 7-18-56

FROM : F. L. Price *W*

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY; JOHN DAVID LEE; FRED PLANT HOCKETT;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, SENATOR HERBERT LEHMAN,
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER, SOLICITOR
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In connection with investigation by Washington Field Office (WFO) concerning the cross burnings on the night of 7/13-14/56, in the District and in Prince Georges County, Maryland, additional information has been developed as to the individuals involved and the manner in which the activity was carried out.

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cc: 1-Mr. Nichols
cc: 1-Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

As result of investigation by WFO on night of 7-17-56, Floyd Fleming [redacted] chairman, Northwest WCC, and Edgar Franklin Johnston of WCC were interviewed by Agents. Fleming denied membership in organization but admitted attending meeting of WCC 7-13-56, at invitation of Johnston. He denied knowledge of or participation in cross burnings and denied same discussed at meeting. Johnston identified himself as chairman of Southeast Washington WCC and denied knowledge of burning of crosses except what he read in papers. Johnston claims to best of his knowledge cross burnings not sponsored by WCC and states that on night of 7-13-56, he was discussing Council business with members. He refused to furnish names of persons attending meeting night of 7-13-56, claiming he was prohibited by Board of Directors and bylaws of Council. He stated he would discuss this with Council and advise as to possibility of furnishing additional information later. WFO will reinterview him today.

WFO attempted to locate John Kasper, organizer of WCC, last night, but his whereabouts could not be established and intensive efforts will be made today to locate him. The USA in Washington will be advised of results of all information developed and WFO has been instructed to give this investigation continuous, preferred attention.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your approval, there is attached a memorandum to the Attorney General, with copies for Rogers and Olney, bringing him up to date on information developed by WFO in its investigation yesterday and last night.

As indicated above, WFO has been instructed to pursue this matter vigorously and to promptly advise the USA of all developments.

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TO *G*: Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 20, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols *LBN*

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY

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The aunt of Ronald Eugene Rowley called me on the afternoon of July 19, stating that Rowley had some additional thoughts and they would like to come by and see me. I stated that I was tied up and could not see them and suggested that Rowley contact the Agents in the field office with whom he had discussed the situation previously. The aunt stated she would have him do this.

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TO : Mr. Boardman *lps*
7-23-56
FROM : Mr. Rosen *6*
SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS;
ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

DATE: July 20, 1956

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Fletcher advised that the Maryland Petition Committee is indicated to be a group opposing integration and comparable to the White Citizens Council.

Agents are still interviewing Rowley and Fletcher wanted to supply this information preliminarily. He advised that all logical leads will be run out based upon this new information indicating that Pierce may be responsible for the burning of the cross at the residence of Mrs. King.

Washington Field Office will submit further details today.

Files are being checked at the Bureau.

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(1) Mr. Belmont

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: July 23, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL.;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL. - VICTIMS;
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Washington Field Office (WFO) is continuing its investigation to identify all individuals responsible for the burning of crosses in the Washington area on the night of July 13 - 14, 1956, and to determine whether or not this activity was discussed at meetings of the White Citizens Council (WCC). The results of investigation ~~are~~ being furnished to the Attorney General with copies for Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Olney as investigation progresses.

In memorandum of 7/20/56, Department was advised of additional interviews with individuals who attended meetings of the WCC. WFO has submitted report dated 7/21/56, which sets forth details of some interviews which ~~was~~ summarized in memorandum to Attorney General of 7/20/56, and sets forth additional investigation which is summarized in memorandum to Attorney General which is attached. WFO interviewed subject Rowley on 7/19 and 20/56, and obtained detailed signed statement from him as to how he became acquainted with WCC members, his attendance at WCC meetings and his participation of burning of crosses. WFO report reflects interviews with two additional individuals who attended WCC meeting of 7/13/56, who deny subject of burning crosses ~~was~~ discussed at the meeting and denied knowledge of burning of crosses other than newspaper accounts.

Rowley named one Pearce as individual responsible for burning of cross at home of victim Mrs. Douglas King, Prince Georges County, Maryland. Investigation by Baltimore Office has disclosed this individual is possibly John Herbert Pearce, who is now on vacation and exact location unknown. Pearce to return home 7/23/56, and he will be interviewed. Rowley states this Pearce is member of Maryland Petition Committee. Bureau files reflect this organization somewhat similar to WCC and that all data we have developed concerning this organization has been made available to Assistant Attorney General Tompkins in the Department.

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cc: 1 - Mr. Nichols
1 - Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

RECOMMENDATION:

For your approval there is attached a memorandum to the Attorney General bringing him up to date on our investigation and enclosing a copy of WFO report of 7/21/56, and copy of Rowley's signed statement which is attached thereto. Copies of this memorandum also made for Rogers and Olney and copies of WFO report and Rowley's statement being made available to them.

Information developed by WFO which is set out in WFO report of 7/21/56, including Rowley's statement is being made available to United States Attorney, Washington. WFO is continuing its investigation and as additional information is developed it will be made available to the Attorney General, Rogers, and Olney.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: July 23, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price *WBP*SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, et al - VICTIMS
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The attached letter dated 7/16/56, from Jack Alfred Hendricks, Auburn, Alabama, asked why the FBI does not publish the name of the University of Virginia student who burned the crosses in Washington, D. C., Friday night, so that "we in the South can send him fan-mail?" Hendricks requested that the Bureau forward to him the name and address of this person.

Hendricks is undoubtedly referring to subject Rowley. Shortly after crosses were burned in this case on night of 7/13/56, and after Metropolitan Police Department disclosed to the press that Rowley was one of the individuals responsible, Washington newspapers carried stories to the effect that Rowley was a student at the University of Virginia Extension in Arlington.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that it is obvious that Hendricks is trying to be "smart" in his letter, it is recommended that this letter not be acknowledged. Hendricks is not identifiable in Bureau files.

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Jack A. Hendricks
112 East Magnolia Avenue
Auburn, Alabama

4:25 P.M., Monday
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Price *Price*

DATE: July 18, 1956

FROM : Mr. Winterrowd *Winterrowd*

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, et al - VICTIMS
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On 7/23/56, ASAC Fletcher, Washington Field Office conferred with me regarding captioned matter. On the basis of a review of the Washington Field Office report dated 7/21/56, in this case the following leads were suggested to ASAC Fletcher for the consideration of the Washington Field Office:

1. Check out the Dupree Henderson's to determine if Henderson actually did go to Sumter, South Carolina, night of 7/13/56, to pick up his wife, using a red International pickup truck, as subject Hanna has claimed.
2. Locate and interview Dupree Henderson concerning his knowledge of cross burning and attendance at White Citizens Council meetings.
3. Have Rowley view Henderson's red pickup. He may be able to identify it as the truck used in the caravan of cars on the night the crosses were burned.
4. Check out the license plates on Henderson's pickup truck to see who the vehicle is registered to. The truck has 1956 Georgia license AP 15987.
5. Interview Robert M. Small, 1304 South Thomas Street, Arlington. Rowley visited in his apartment about 7/14/56, and related his activities regarding burning of crosses. Edward L. Strohecker who was present at Small's apartment says another unidentified individual was present. It appears this might be Hanna, however, this unknown person should be identified. **RECORDED - 97 89-816-61**
6. Does Ollie Linwood Bell know identity of other persons in attendance at WCC meeting night of 7/13/56?

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7. Interview all night employees at Brandywine Apartments, residence of victim Sobeloff to determine if they observed individuals lighting crosses.
8. Question Mr. Woolard and Mr. Peterson (mentioned on page 13) who saw cross burning and joined crowd at 3018 Dumbarton Avenue to see if they can identify any of the persons present?
9. Show photograph to Hocckett's station wagon to fireman T. J. Lo Medico, who works at fire station next to American Legion Hall in Southeast Washington, and saw a station wagon in this area in the early morning hours of 7/14/56.

ACTION:

This is submitted for your information.

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SAC, Baltimore (89-18)

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et al. - VICTIMS, AFO.

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General indices of Bureau have been checked and no references can be located which are identifiable with John Herbert Pearce. Files of Identification Division reflect two applicant fingerprint cards of individual by name John Herbert Pearce, date and place of birth same as that furnished urairtel, who may be identical with the Pearce referred to in urairtel. This individual fingerprinted 10/18/46, under same name as applicant for position of express helper with Railway Express Agency, Washington, D. C. Residence shown as Second and I Streets, Northeast, Washington. Described as white male, 5' 11", 150 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, ruddy complexion, medium build, scar side of left eye.

Other fingerprint card reflects this individual fingerprinted 9/18/41, by Civil Service Commission, Washington, as applicant for position of apprentice machinist, Navy Yard, Washington, D. C. Residence shown as 64 Prince Edward Street, Edmonston, Maryland.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD

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RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL;
Chief Justice EARL WARREN, ET AL; - VICTIMS
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ROWLEY on interview 7/20/56, advised WFO Agents he recalls subject KASPER made statement "PIERCE will take care of one some place else." ROWLEY recalled PIERCE to be member of Maryland Petition Committee an opponent of integration. Victim KING recalled on 7/20/56, meeting one JOHN PIERCE (Phonetic), August, 1955, at public meeting where Prince Georges County officials had budget under discussion including County school appropriations. According to KING, PIERCE headed group which argued against use of public funds for integrated schools. KING recalled news item identifying PIERCE as a resident of Edmonston, Md., and promised to search for clipping. Description of PIERCE as furnished by ROWLEY and KING coincided in that he was white, male, six feet, blond hair, age 25 to 30. JESSE BAGGETT, Chairman, PG County Commissioners, advised one PIERCE who answered description furnished, appeared before Board approximately a year ago arguing against integration. BAGGETT could not otherwise identify PIERCE except he resided Edmonston, Md., and headed group with name believed to be similar to Maryland Petition Committee. Mr. and Mrs. EARL A. LAW, former Police Chief, and wife, Edmonston, identified one JOHN PEARCE, residing 4810 48th Ave., who answered description furnished, as a local resident who, according to press report, a year ago was proponent of segregation before County Commissioners. Same information confirmed by GEORGE PAGE, Mayor of Edmonston. These Edmonston sources advised PEARCE not known to be active locally except that they have heard that in May, 1956 elections PEARCE was voicing his opinions against integration at the polls. Edmonston sources unacquainted with any Maryland Petition Committee or White Citizens Council at Edmonston. Victim KING, on 7/21/56, located at her residence undated news clipping believed to be from Washington Post and Times Herald, and said by KING to have been clipped approximately August, 1955. Clipping states PG County officials were

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DIRECTOR AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD

7/21/56

RE: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL;
Chief Justice EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS
AFO

urged to withhold fifty percent of School Board Budget till integration policies announced. This request, according to clipping, came from Pro-Segregation Delegation of Maryland Petition Committee, headed by JOHN H. PEARCE of Edmonston, Md. Employment records ERCO Division American Car and Foundry Inc., Riverdale, Md., reflect JOHN HERBERT PEARCE residing 4810 48th Ave., Edmonston, has been employed 1950 to date as Machinist. He was born 7/20/23, Washington, D. C., is white, Male, five eleven, one sixty, blue eyes, brown hair. Father is HERBERT T. PEARCE. Mother is ANNIE R., both same address. Was employed U. S. Navy Yard D. C., June 1941 through March, 1946. Had other employment Washington area 1946 through 1950. Is single and has high school education. No indication military service. Photograph was obtained. Thereafter, pretext visit was made to 4810 48th Ave., on 7/21/56. Father, HERBERT PEARCE stated son JOHN was on vacation trip to Eastern Shore of Md., exact location unknown. Not expected to return home before night of 7/22/56. Personnel Officer ERCO confirmed PEARCE began two week leave starting 7/16/56, and is not due back to work till 7/30/56. Photo obtained was displayed to ROWLEY this date. He identified it as being identical with the PIERCE he mentioned. Bureau is requested search indices and Ident records on JOHN HERBERT PEARCE, BN WN., D. C. 7/20/23. BA will check DMV records.

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The Attorney General

July 26, 1956

Director, FBI

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL.;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL. - VICTIMS
ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

With reference to my previous memoranda concerning this case, I am enclosing herewith a copy of an investigative report prepared by our Washington Field Office dated July 25, 1956. Copies of this report are being furnished to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Olney with copies of this memorandum.

Briefly, the enclosed report reflects results of interview with Henderson Dupree (not Dupree Henderson as previously furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Alex J. Hanna); reinterviews with Mr. and Mrs. Hanna; the results of an interview with William Swaze Elliott, possibly involved in the burning of crosses; and John Herbert Pearce, identified by Ronald Eugene Rowley as the individual responsible for burning the cross at the residence of victim King in Beltsville, Maryland.

Rowley has previously advised that one of ~~four~~ vehicles in a caravan which traveled from southeast to northwest Washington on the night crosses were burned in the area was a red pickup truck. Later Agents observed a truck of this description while interviewing Mr. and Mrs. Alex J. Hanna in Alexandria, Virginia, and determined this vehicle was owned by Henderson Dupree. Dupree has advised Agents that he traveled to Sumter, South Carolina, on the night of July 13, 1956, and returned to Alexandria on the following day. Dupree denied knowledge of the burning of crosses in the Washington area on the night of July 13 - 14, 1956.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanna, who have been interviewed on numerous occasions and who gave ~~conflicting~~ information, finally advised on July 23, 1956, that John David Lee was not in their company all evening as they had previously claimed. They advised that they attended the meeting of the White Citizens Council in southeast Washington on the night of July 13, 1956, at the request of John Kasper of the White Citizens Council and at Kasper's request drove Lee to this meeting. They left early and celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary as they had previously claimed stating that Lee did not accompany them on

cc: 1-Mr. Nichols
1-Mr. Belmont

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this celebration. The Hannas advised that Lee subsequently informed them he had participated in the burning of crosses on the night of July 13, 1956, and requested that they answer any inquiries concerning him by saying he accompanied them during that night. Mr. Hanna related that he determined from Lee the man with the red Studebaker pickup truck is named Elliott who lives near Falls Church, Virginia.

It was determined through the Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia, that the only Studebaker pickup truck registered in Virginia to an Elliott is one registered to William Swaze Elliott, Merrifield, Virginia. Elliott was interviewed on July 24, 1956, and refused to furnish any information referring our Agent to his attorney. Elliott declined to furnish any type of data or answer any questions. He declined to permit himself or his truck to be photographed, although photographs were made of his truck from the road in front of his house.

As mentioned in my memorandum of July 23, 1956, Ronald Eugene Rowley advised that one Pearce of the Maryland Petition Committee was responsible for the burning of the cross at the residence of Mrs. Douglas King near Beltsville, Maryland, on the night of July 13, 1956. As pointed out in my memorandum of July 23, 1956, considerable information has been made available to Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins by this Bureau concerning this organization in the matter captioned "Maryland Petition Committee, Incorporated; Internal Security - X."

With regard to Pearce, our investigation disclosed that this individual is probably one John Herbert Pearce, 4810 48th Avenue, Edmonston, Maryland. During the course of our efforts to identify and locate Pearce, it was determined from individuals interviewed that Pearce has been active in the Maryland Petition Committee in opposition to integration.

Pearce was located and interviewed on July 23, 1956, at which time he identified himself as Chairman of the Prince Georges County Chapter of the Maryland Petition Committee. He admitted attending the meeting of the Washington White Citizens Council at the Annapolis Hotel in Washington on or about June 15, 1956. He denied being a member of the White Citizens Council and stated that he attended a meeting of the Maryland Petition Committee at Jessups, Maryland, on the night of July 13, 1956. Agents subsequently verified that he attended this meeting leaving between 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on that night. Pearce claimed

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that he returned home at or about midnight, July 13, 1956. In a signed statement Pearce denied that he participated in any of the cross burnings and stated his knowledge of this activity was obtained from press and radio accounts of the activity which he read and heard on July 14, 1956.

Additional investigation has been conducted in the vicinity of the residences of former Solicitor General Sebeloff and Justice Frankfurter without developing additional information as to the identity of the individuals who burned crosses at their residences. To date investigation has not resulted in the location of John Kasper, reportedly the head of the Washington White Citizens Council.

The results of the additional investigation summarized above are being made available to the United States Attorney in Washington. We are continuing our investigation of this matter and you will be advised of the results.

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Enclosure

cc: 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers (Enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Warren Olney III

NOTE: This memorandum summarizes results of investigation conducted by Washington Field Office (WFO) on 7/20, 21, 23-25/56 which is set out in a 28-page report from WFO dated 7/25/56. WFO is continuing its investigation and as additional information is developed it will be furnished to the Attorney General, Rogers and Olney.

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, WFO (89-42)

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al; Chief Justice EARL WARREN, et al, -
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ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

JOHN HERBERT PEARCE interviewed and denies participation in or knowledge of cross burnings. He advised he attended monthly meeting of Maryland Petition Committee (MPC), night of 7/13/56 at Jessups, Md., departing meeting approximately 10:30 p.m. He stated he drove to and from meeting alone and drove directly to his home, Edmonston, Md., arriving there 11:00 p.m., where he stayed for remainder of night. PEARCE's parents verified his presence at home from approximately 11:00 p.m. on. PEARCE's presence at MPC meeting on night of 7/13/56 verified by ROBERT L. WISEMAN, Route 1, Waterloo, Md., president; and JOHN A. MILLER, BA, Md., treasurer, MPC.

Investigation to identify driver of 1951 model red pickup truck this date negative. Efforts to identify will continue. Efforts to contact subj KASPER to be made.

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cc M. P. Price

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, WFO (89-42)

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VICTIMS, AFO

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Mr. and Mrs. ALEX J. HANNA, Temple Trailer Park, Alexandria, Va., reinterviewed 7/23/56. HANNA and wife indicated their recollection of events transpiring 7/13/56 had previously been hazy due to intoxication resulting from celebration of anniversary, but they have now reconstructed occurrences of that evening and desire to cooperate fully with Bu.

State at request of JOHN KASPER they picked JOHN LEE up in Alexandria, Va., and drove him to WCC meeting. HANNA and wife left meeting early without LEE and continued celebration. State do not know how LEE returned to Alexandria but certain it was not with them. State 7/14/56 went to LEE's home where LEE told off interview by Bu Agents and indicated he had been involved in cross burnings but gave no specifics. State LEE indicated he desired HANNA to tell anyone making inquiries about his whereabouts that he had been with HANNAs all evening celebrating. HANNA relates ELLIOTT name of owner of red truck. Obtained name from LEE which also refreshed his recollection of name.

Department of Motor Vehicles, Richmond
DMV, RH, Va., discloses 1948 Studebaker, 1/2 ton, red truck registered to WILLIAM SWAZE ELLIOTT, dob 1899, Box 234, Merrifield, Va.

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Re: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al;
Chief Justice EARL WARREN, et al - VICTIMS
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ELLIOTT interviewed this date. Declined to discuss case or furnish any info and referred Agents to his attorney WALTER J. NEWLON, Clarendon Bldg., Clarendon, Va. It should be noted NEWLON is also attorney allegedly representing HOCKETT and LEE. ELLIOTT declined to permit Agents to photograph him, his truck, or dog. Attempts, however, were made under adverse conditions to photograph truck and dog from road. Pictures will be displayed to ROWLEY and further attempts will be made to obtain picture of ELLIOTT.

ELLIOTT fits description furnished by HANNA, and it appeared obvious ELLIOTT is interested party with red truck.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON FIELD

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON FIELD	DATE WHEN MADE 7/25/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/20, 21, 23-25/56	REPORT MADE BY LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR. (A) jcr
TITLE <u>CHANGED</u> ① RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY; WILLIAM SWAZE ELLIOTT, ET AL CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN ET AL - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HENDERSON DUPREE advised he was en route to Sumter, S. C., during pertinent period, arriving there approximately 3:30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. ALEX J. HANNA state their recollection of events transpiring 7/13/56 have been refreshed. Relate they drove JOHN LEE to White Citizens Councils (WCC) meeting, 7/13/56, but left meeting early without LEE. State 7/14/56 they went to LEE's home where LEE indicated he was involved in cross burnings and requested HANNAs to tell any persons making inquiries that he had been with them the night of 7/13/56. HANNA related a party named ELLIOTT owned red pickup truck. Records, Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Va., disclose only Studebaker pickup truck registered to an ELLIOTT is a 1948 model in name of WILLIAM SWAZE ELLIOTT, Merrifield, Va. ELLIOTT interviewed and declined to make any statements and referred inquiries to his attorney, WALTER J. NEWLON (attorney also allegedly represents HOCKETT and LEE). JOHN HERBERT PEARCE states he did not participate in cross burnings

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and had no personal knowledge of incident. PEARCE denies he is member of WCC and states he attended only one meeting of WCC. PEARCE relates he is Chairman of Prince Georges County Chapter of Maryland Petition Committee. Edmonston, Maryland, sources advise they have heard PEARCE was voicing his opinions against integration at the polls. Background data regarding PEARCE set forth. Additional investigation vicinity of 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.; 3018 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W.; and 3201 Nichols Avenue, S. E., negative.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The title of this case has been marked CHANGED to include the name of the new subject, WILLIAM SWAZE ELLIOTT.

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INTERVIEW OF HENDERSON DUPREE

An interview was conducted of HENDERSON DUPREE due to the fact that his red pickup truck was observed parked alongside the trailer of ALEX HANNA, mentioned previously in this matter, and it was believed possible that this truck may have been involved in the cross burnings.

HENDERSON DUPREE, 2623 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia, was interviewed by SA's LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR., and RICHARD B. LAVIN on July 21, 1956, and he furnished the following information concerning his movements during the week of July 8 through 14, 1956: S.C.

DUPREE advised that he arrived in Alexandria, Virginia, on Sunday, July 8, 1956, from Sumter, South Carolina, where he had been residing at the Roy Britt Apartment House on Manning Avenue. He stated that he spent Sunday (July 8, 1956) with ALEX HANNA at his trailer, Lot 145, Temple Trailer Park, Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Virginia. He worked with HANNA the following day, July 9, 1956, for the Rockingham Construction Company and that night HANNA assisted him in locating a room near Number One Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia. HANNA advised that he roomed there during the following week but parked his red pickup International truck at the Temple Trailer Court.

DUPREE advised that on July 13, 1956, he arrived home at about 5:15 P. M. By this time he had located an apartment at his present location, 2623 Richmond Highway. DUPREE alleges that at 5:30 P. M. on July 13, 1956, he left for Sumter, South Carolina, and arrived there at 3:30 A. M. on July 14, 1956. The only person he talked to when he arrived in Sumter was his wife. At 6:30 A. M. on July 14, 1956, DUPREE states that he talked to JOE HOGAN, Foreman, employed by Sumter Builders. He states that at 7:00 A. M. he talked to RALPH CARTER at his trailer. CARTER is also employed by Sumter Builders. DUPREE claims he also talked to ALFRED CRAIG at Sumter Builders at 9:00 A. M. and received a salary check at the Sumter Builders office from a young man named GEORGE (LNU).

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DUPREE advises that a Negro, LUCIUS CHAMPAGNE, (ph) helped him to load his household possessions into his red pickup truck and that CHAMPAGNE could also verify the fact his (DUPREE's) wife was also in Sumter, South Carolina.

DUPREE states that he started back to Alexandria, Virginia, on July 14, 1956, at about 10:30 A. M. and brought with him in his truck, his wife, two minor children and his household possessions.

He states that he knows nothing about the burning of crosses in Washington, D. C., on July 13 and 14, 1956. He advised that his wife had informed him that she had been questioned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A photograph of DUPREE and his red pickup truck were taken with his consent.

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REINTERVIEW OF MR. AND MRS. ALEX JAMES (LAWANDA BRYAN) HANNA
ON July 21, 1956

Mr. and Mrs. ALEX HANNA were reinterviewed on July 21, 1956, at their trailer on Lot 145, Temple Trailer Park, Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Virginia, by SAs LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR., and RICHARD B. LAVIN. R

~~ALEX~~ Mrs. HANNA did not have much to say during this interview, and most of the conversation that took place was done by ALEX HANNA and the interviewing Agents. HANNA advised that he would not answer any questions if he had previously furnished any information on a similar question. It was pointed out to him that his version of the happenings on July 13 and 14, 1956, was at variance with the information that has been developed in this case.

He was asked again if JOHN DAVID LEE had accompanied him and his wife on their wedding anniversary, July 13, 1956. HANNA stated that JOHN DAVID LEE had been with him and his wife on that evening from approximately 8 o'clock to midnight. He adamantly refused to change this story.

HANNA was also questioned concerning the occupant of the red pick-up truck which has been identified by ROWLEY as having participated in the burning of crosses. HANNA stated that he has previously furnished all the information in his possession concerning this red truck. He again described the driver of a red Studebaker one-half ton pick-up truck as being a man sixty years of age, white, 5' 9", and approximately 150 pounds, who speaks with a foreign accent. HANNA advised that on one occasion when he met this man in the center of Falls Church, Virginia, he was in the company of JOHN KASPER and during a conversation he believes the man in the red truck stated that he had formerly been a Methodist Sunday School teacher. HANNA also stated that this unidentified man carried around with him in his truck a sixty-pound dog which was, in HANNA's opinion, a cross between a Collie and a Bulldog.

HANNA accompanied the interviewing Agents voluntarily to the Falls Church area where inquiries were made at gas stations and the local police department in an attempt to

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locate the unidentified individual. HANNA had suggested that if he could roam around Falls Church for a day or so he believes he could locate this man.

During the course of this investigation at Falls Church, Virginia, Sergeant R. L. ADAMS, Falls Church Police Department, was interviewed to see if he had any knowledge of a red Studebaker truck, as described by HANNA. Sergeant ADAMS was unable to furnish any information in this matter.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE RED STUDEBAKER PICKUP TRUCK

ALEX J. HANNA has advised the red Studebaker pickup truck was owned by an individual who is believed to be employed as a janitor or handyman for a school or institution in Falls Church, Fairfax, or Arlington, Virginia. HANNA has stated the owner of the truck has a large dog which rides in the truck and is, or was, a Methodist Sunday School teacher.

The following persons and institutions were contacted in the area of Falls Church, Fairfax, and Arlington, Virginia, by Detective Sergeant J. Y. CHENNAULT, Metropolitan Police Department, and SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR., on July 23, 1956, in an endeavor to locate instant truck with negative results:

Schools and Churches

Mr. L. A. BAUGHMAN
Superintencent of Grounds
Madeira School
Greenway, Virginia

Mr. E. D. TYLER, Jr.
Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds
Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary
Quaker Lane
Alexandria, Virginia

Mr. C. A. LONG
Superintendent of Grounds
Episcopal High School
Quaker Lane
Alexandria, Virginia

Mrs. H. A. HARRELL
Wife of Rev. HENRY A. HARRELL
The Crossman Methodist Church
Lee Highway
Falls Church, Virginia

Studebaker Dealers

Mr. B. A. PAYNE
Service Manager
American Service Center
585 N. Glebe Road
Arlington, Virginia

Mr. HARDY RICHARDSON
Hardy Richardson Motor Sales
611 Wilkes Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Cemeteries

Mr. W. S. LOY
Caretaker
Oakwood Cemetery
6814 Fairfax Drive
Falls Church, Virginia

Mr. I. F. BURKHARDT
Engineer
National Memorial Park
Falls Church, Virginia

Miscellaneous

Mr. GUY N. CHURCH
M. E. Church Realty Co.
115 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, Virginia

Mr. DWIGHT H. DODD
Engineer
Public Utilities
Falls Church, Virginia

REINTERVIEW OF MR. AND MRS. ALEX J. HANNA, July 23, 1956

Mr. ALEX J. HANNA, Temple Trailer Park, Alexandria, Virginia, telephonically advised SA CHISHOLM on July 23, 1956, that he desired to talk further with him concerning instant matter. SA CHISHOLM met Mr. HANNA alone outside the trailer park and discussed the matter in general with him. The meeting was observed by SA WILLIAM H. STAPLETON who was parked in another car nearby. During the discussion, HANNA indicated his recollections had been refreshed concerning the occurrences on the evening of July 13, 1956, and he stated he desired to clarify the position previously taken by him and his wife concerning this matter. It was decided HANNA would drive back to the trailer and pick up his wife, and that SA CHISHOLM would meet him again with another Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. HANNA were then interviewed by SAs STAPLETON and CHISHOLM near the Southern Railroad Station in Alexandria, Virginia. HANNA and his wife stated their recollections of the events transpiring on July 13, 1956, had previously been hazy due to intoxication resulting from the celebration of their fifth wedding anniversary, but that they now have reconstructed the occurrences of that evening, and desire to co-operate and explain their position.

HANNA and his wife emphatically denied having participated in the cross burning or having had any knowledge of the cross burning prior to its occurrence. HANNA stated JOHN KASPER telephoned him and invited him to attend the southeast WCC meeting and requested he pick up JOHN LEE, a fellow employee of HANNA's at Pepco, and drive him over to the meeting. HANNA stated he drove LEE to the meeting, but stated he and his wife left the meeting early without LEE and continued their anniversary celebration. They stated they do not know how LEE returned to Alexandria, but were certain it was not with them. HANNA stated on the evening of July 14, 1956, he and his wife went to LEE's home on Peyton Street, Alexandria, Virginia, where LEE told him he had been interviewed by Bureau Agents. He stated LEE indicated to him he had been involved in the cross burnings and that he had admitted his participation in this matter to Bureau Agents. He stated LEE was in a very nervous state and appeared to be quite worried. HANNA related LEE requested he and his wife tell anyone making any inquiries about his whereabouts on the night of July 13, 1956, that he was with the HANNAs all evening celebrating their anniversary. HANNA stated LEE did not furnish him with any of the specifics concerning the cross burning. HANNA related that he desired to be fully co-operative with the Bureau in this matter and will do anything possible to assist in this investigation.

HANNA related that JOHN LEE did indicate to him that HOCKETT was the individual who apparently conceived the idea for the cross burnings and that the idea was furthered and carried out by JOHN KASPER. He stated he has conversed with LEE at work, and that LEE appears to him to be very irritated over the fact that KASPER has not made himself available for interview by Bureau Agents and is also not available for discussions with him, LEE. HANNA stated he will try to determine KASPER's whereabouts.

HANNA related he determined from LEE that the man with the red pickup truck is named ELLIOTT and that he resides by himself just outside of Falls Church, Virginia, and has a dog which rides around in the truck with him most of the time. HANNA said after LEE mentioned ELLIOTT's name to him, it refreshed his recollections and he recalls having been introduced to a Mr. ELLIOTT about a month ago at Falls Church, Virginia, and recalls also that ELLIOTT sat in the same row approximately five seats away from him at the WCC meeting on July 13, 1956. HANNA again described ELLIOTT as follows:

White male
Age 60
Sun-tanned complexion
Medium build
5'10"
155-160 pounds
Hair, thinning and graying
Drives 1949-53 half-ton faded red Studebaker pickup truck and carries brownish-white mongrel dog with him.

He stated ELLIOTT had mentioned to him he was formerly a Methodist Sunday School teacher, but had broken with his church due to its stand on integration. He stated both times he has seen ELLIOTT he has had his dog with him.

ASAC HOWARD B. FLETCHER telephonically contacted the Richmond Field Division on July 24, 1956, and determined through SAC W. G. GRAPP that a check of the Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia, disclosed a 1948 red Studebaker one-half ton pickup truck is registered to WILLIAM SWAZE ELLIOTT, Box 234, Merrifield, Virginia, and has 1956 Virginia license plate number 148-190. The records of the Division of Motor Vehicles disclosed ELLIOTT is a white male, 170 pounds, 5'9", hazel eyes, gray hair, date of birth, December 24, 1899. The records of the Division of Motor Vehicles reflected this is the only Studebaker pickup registered in the state of Virginia to an ELLIOTT.

INTERVIEW OF WILLIAM SWAZE ELLIOTT, Merrifield, Virginia

On July 24, 1956, Detective Sergeant J. Y. CHENNAULT, MPD, and SA CHISHOLM drove to Merrifield, Virginia, and located the residence of ELLIOTT, Box 234, which is the first

brick house located on the left-hand side of Fairhill Lane, Fairhill Lane being a road intersecting Lee Highway approximately four miles south of Falls Church, Virginia. Parked in the driveway of the house was the 1948 faded red Studebaker pickup truck, and Sergeant CHENNAULT and SA CHISHOLM were greeted by a medium-sized brownish-white mongrel dog appearing to have rather wired hair approximately one inch in length. Located beside the truck in the driveway were some pieces of two-inch by two-inch and two-inch by four-inch yellow pine lumber. The pieces of 2 x 2 had rough cut edges on two sides indicating it had possibly been cut from another board. At first, there was no response to knocking on the door, but after some time an individual came out of a garage behind the house. As the individual came up the path to the house from the garage, SA CHISHOLM said inquiringly, "Mr. ELLIOTT?", to which the individual replied, "Yes." Sergeant CHENNAULT and SA CHISHOLM asked ELLIOTT if there was some place they could sit down and talk with him. ELLIOTT invited them inside the uncompleted house. Upon entrance into the living room of the uncompleted and unfurnished house, Sergeant CHENNAULT and SA CHISHOLM observed a circular saw with an approximate ten-inch blade setting in the living room of the house. Sergeant CHENNAULT and SA CHISHOLM identified themselves to ELLIOTT and explained the purpose of their visit. ELLIOTT declined to discuss the case or furnish any information, and referred SA CHISHOLM to his attorney, Mr. WALTER J. NEWLON, Clarendon Bldg., Clarendon, Virginia. It should be noted NEWLON is also the attorney allegedly representing the subjects HOCKETT and LEE. ELLIOTT was very nervous and completely unco-operative and declined to furnish any type of data (including his full name) concerning himself or to answer any questions. He declined to permit himself, his dog, or his truck to be photographed. However, photographs of his dog and his truck were made from the road in front of his house and the adjoining property.

Mrs. EDNA TEPPER, Box 388, Route 3, Merrifield, Virginia, advised Sergeant CHENNAULT and SA CHISHOLM that ELLIOTT lives next door to her and has been in the process of building his house since 1947. She pointed out that ELLIOTT lives by himself and that he is a plasterer by trade. She did not know where ELLIOTT is employed, but stated he apparently leaves every morning for work and returns about 5:00 in the evening. She stated ELLIOTT has been a member of the Bruen Methodist Chapel, Merrifield, Virginia, for many years.

INVESTIGATION VICINITY OF AMERICAN LEGION HALL,
3201 Nichols Avenue, S. E.

Firemen T. J. LOMEDICO and P. J. MAGLIO, Engine House #25, D. C. Fire Department, 4th and Nichols Avenue, S. E., were recontacted on July 24, 1956, by SA CHISHOLM. Photographs of JOHNSTON, LEE, HOCKETT, ROWLEY, and vehicles of JOHNSTON and HOCKETT have been displayed and neither LOMEDICO or MAGLIO were able to furnish any further information concerning the matter.

ATTEMPT TO LOCATE KASPER

Mrs. NORA ~~DEVEREAUX~~ ^{WASHINGTON, D.C.} Cadmus Book Store, 1246 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W., was interviewed by Sergeant CHENNAULT and SA CHISHOLM on July 24, 1956. Mrs. DEVEREAUX permitted Sergeant CHENNAULT and SA CHISHOLM to go into the rooms behind the book store where she pointed out a printing press and a large stack of printed material. She indicated that KASPER has been busy preparing this literature for the WCC and that as soon as he has completed his work he would get in touch with the Bureau. She denied any knowledge of his present whereabouts.

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CONCERNING JOHN HERBERT PEARCE

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On July 20, 1956, Mr. HERBERT MERTZ, Jr., 6739 Fairfax Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland, advised SAs JOHN P. RIDGELY and GENE S. WEIMER that he is presently a member of the Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Petition Committee. He stated that he was formerly chairman of this chapter. MERTZ advised that he recalls meeting an individual named PIERCE. However, he possessed no information concerning PIERCE's background. Mr. MERTZ stated that he had come in contact with PIERCE, who was also a member of the Maryland Petition Committee, but who was active in Prince Georges County, Maryland, rather than in Montgomery County, Maryland. MERTZ stated that he has only come in contact with PIERCE on approximately three or four occasions and described him as being a white male, 28-32 years of age, approximately 6 feet tall, light brown hair.

MERTZ continued that he did not personally know where PIERCE lived, although he believed that it was somewhere in Prince Georges County. He also stated that he, MERTZ, could furnish the name of an individual who was active in the Maryland Petition Committee, who in all probability could furnish the location of PIERCE's residence. MERTZ hesitated in furnishing the name and address of this individual, stating that he, MERTZ, preferred to obtain PIERCE's location from the individual himself and thereafter passing this information along to Agents RIDGELY and WEIMER. He stated he hesitated to furnish this individual's name because he did not want the identities of the members of the Maryland Petition Committee to become public. MERTZ thereafter stated he would furnish the name of the individual and requested that his, MERTZ's, name not be mentioned during the contact. MERTZ advised that Mr. WILLIAM PARTLOW, 1117 Holton Lane, Takoma Park, Maryland, would be able to furnish PIERCE's home address. Mr. MERTZ pointed out that PARTLOW was employed during the evening hours, and would not be available for interview prior to approximately 9:00 A.M., on June 21, 1956, MERTZ declined to furnish the place of employment of PARTLOW.

MERTZ stated that the only information he possessed concerning the burning of the crosses in Washington and MARYLAND

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Maryland is the information he had gained from newspaper accounts. He pointed out that he was on vacation in Niagara Falls, New York, on July 13-14, 1956, and had read an account of the burning of the crosses at that location. He stated that he had no idea as to the identities of the person or persons who would have undertaken such action, but it was not an act advocated or planned by the Maryland Petition Committee.

On July 20, 1956, Mrs. DOUGLAS KING, 5402 Odell Road, Beltsville, Maryland, advised SAs JOHN P. RIDGELY and GENE S. WEIMER that she recalls meeting an individual named PIERCE, whose first name she believed to be JOHN. She stated that this meeting took place in approximately August, 1955, at a Board of Education meeting at Upper Marlboro, Maryland. KING explained that this meeting was an open meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Prince Georges County, who were discussing budget appropriations for the Board of Education. She stated that this individual whom she recalled as PIERCE was present at the meeting and professed to be a representative of the Maryland Petition Committee and requested that the appropriations for the county schools be withheld pending a determination of integration policies. KING continued that approximately two or three days following this meeting she received a postcard signed JOHN PIERCE, in which PIERCE was attempting to persuade her to give up her fight for integrated schools. She advised that she believed that PIERCE resided somewhere in the community known as Edmonston, Maryland. She pointed out that she has had no further contact with PIERCE since that time and could not furnish information as to the exact location of his residence. Mrs. KING described PIERCE as being a white male, approximately 6 feet tall, dark blond hair, and 25 or 30 years of age. She indicated she had a news clipping, perhaps somewhere around the house, which identified PIERCE as heading a group known as the Maryland Petition Committee.

Mrs. KING promised to make a search for this clipping. At this time she was shown photographs of the identified subjects of this case, but she was unable to recognize any of them as having had any contact with her in the past, nor could she recall ever seeing them in the neighborhood of her residence.

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She indicated that since the happening of the cross burning, she has been in close touch with her neighbors, many of whom have called to obtain details of the incident from her and none of them apparently had noticed any strangers in the area preceding the incident who might have some connection therewith.

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On July 20, 1956, Mrs. EARL A. LAW, wife of the former Chief of Police, 5014 47th Avenue, Edmonston, Maryland, was interviewed by SA FRANCIS X. JAHN. She said there was a man by the name of PEARCE, first name believed to be JOHN, who resided at 4810 48th Avenue with his aging parents. She said that PEARCE was not married and is about 25-30 years of age, and on several occasions it has come to her attention that JOHN PEARCE was interested in pro-segregation. She said she was quite certain of this because she had thought at this time that it was unusual for him to be interested in school policies since, as a matter of fact, he had no children of his own. The only thing specific that she could recall along these lines was that about a year ago his name had been in one of the area newspapers as having appeared before the County Commissioners in opposition to appropriating public funds for integrated schools.

On July 21, 1956, Mr. EARL A. LAW confirmed to SA JAHN the information supplied by his wife and added that in the May, 1956, town elections the JOHN PEARCE identified by his wife, had been at the polls talking to passers-by about integration problems.

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On July 20, 1956, SA JAHN interviewed the former mayor of Edmonston, JAMES W. HALL, residing 4817 48th Avenue. He confirmed there was a PEARCE family residing at 4810 48th Avenue, but he was unable to supply any pertinent information with respect to JOHN PEARCE, except to say that he believed at one time he owned or drove a pick-up truck.

On July 20, 1956, JESSE BAGGETT, Chairman of the Prince Georges County Board of County Commissioner, residing 3709 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, Maryland, was interviewed by SA JAHN. He recalled approximately a year ago he was "tipped off" that an "agitator" by the name of PEARCE was going to come before the Board of County Commissioners to present a petition in opposition to the appropriation of public funds to

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pay salaries and expenses at schools where the students were integrated. He did not recall the first name of this individual, but he furnished a description somewhat in keeping with that which had been given by ROWLEY. He had no information concerning PEARCE's activities since that time, nor did he know his address and occupation except that he believed PEARCE lived in or around Edmonston, and he was of the impression that PEARCE claimed to be a lawyer.

According to the 1954-1955 edition of PoM's Directory for the Maryland-Washington suburban area, one JOHN PEARCE is employed as a machinist at "Engineering Research", home address 4810 48th Avenue, Edmonston, Maryland.

On July 21, 1956, SAs JAHN and RIDGELY contacted Mr. KENNETH ADAMS, Personnel Officer, ERCO Division, American Car and Foundry, Inc., Riverdale, Maryland. Mr. ADAMS made available personnel records reflecting the following information:

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Name	JOHN HERBERT PEARCE
Residence	4810 48th Avenue Edmonston, Maryland
Birth date and Place	July 20, 1923 Washington, D. C.
Father	HERBERT T. PEARCE
Mother	ANNIE R. PEARCE
Sister	MARIE SCHANTZ Bethesda, Maryland
Sister	HELEN STOTLER Seat Pleasant, Maryland
Education	Hyattsville High School
Marital Status	Single
Social Security Number	
Physical Description	White male, 5 feet 11 inches 160 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair
Previous Employments	U. S. Navy Yard, Washington, D.C. June, 1941, to March, 1946 Self-employed painter March, 1946, to February, 1946

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Railway Express Freight Handler
September, 1946, to December, 1946
Self-employed painter
January, 1947, to December, 1947
Laborer, Potomac Construction
Company
January, 1948, to March, 1948
Self-employed painter
April, 1948, to November, 1948
Machinist, Lofstrand Company
November, 1948, to May, 1949
Self-employed painter
May, 1949, to February, 1950
Machinist, Aitchenson's
Alexandria, Virginia,
February, 1950, to July, 1950
Self-employed painter
July, 1950, to September, 1950
Machinist, ERCO
September 27, 1950, to date

The place of employment for all of the above, unless otherwise indicated, is Washington, D. C., and Edmonston, Maryland.

A photograph of PEARCE was obtained from Mr. ADAMS.

On July 21, 1956, SAs JAHN and RIDGELY interviewed Mr. and Mrs. ~~GEORGE PAGE~~, 4907 49th Street, Edmonston, Maryland. Mr. ~~PAGE~~ is mayor of Edmonston. They were unable to add any identifiable background concerning JOHN PEARCE pertinent to this inquiry.

~~EDMONSTON, MARYLAND~~
On July 21, 1956, on calling at the residence, 4810 48th Avenue, SAs JAHN and RIDGELY were informed by Mr. ~~HERBERT PEARCE~~ that he was the father of JOHN PEARCE and his son was then on the Eastern Shore of Maryland on a vacation, his exact whereabouts being unknown, and he was not expected to return home before late Sunday night, July 22, 1956.

Mr. KENNETH ADAMS, on recontact, verified that JOHN PEARCE was then on a two weeks vacation leave and not expected to return to work until July 30, 1956.

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On July 21, 1956, on recontact with Mrs. KING, she advised she had found the news clipping she had previously referred to. This was an undated clipping which appears to be from the Washington Post and Times Herald. According to Mrs. KING's recollection, this was published about August, 1955. The news clipping reads:

"Prince Georges County heads were urged yesterday to withhold 50 per cent of the school board's budget until integration policies are announced next September.

"The request came from a delegation of some 80 county residents organized by the pro-segregation Maryland Petition Committee.

"JOHN H. PEARCE, of Edmonston, who headed the group, presented the commissioners with a petition which he said contained signatures of 1252 residents opposed to integration. *MD D.C. 7/21*

"Commissioners heard PEARCE and other spokesmen for the group without comment.

"The county heads then went into a closed door session to discuss their proposed \$25.9 million budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1."

The photograph of JOHN HERBERT PEARCE supplied by Mr. ADAMS was delivered to the Washington Field Office of the FBI on July 21, 1956, where it was exhibited by ASAC HOWARD B. FLETCHER to Subject ROWLEY. ROWLEY immediately identified the same as the PEARCE to whom he had reference as the contact of KASPER, who was to take care of things in Maryland.

On July 23, 1956, SAs JAHN and RIDGELY returned to the address 4810 48th Avenue, Edmonston, Maryland.

Mr. HERBERT T. PEARCE verified that his son was present and the Agents were invited to the living room where Mrs. ANNIE R. PEARCE, mother of JOHN PEARCE, an invalid, was also present. JOHN HERBERT PEARCE declined to be interviewed except in the presence of his parents.

At the outset, he was informed that the FBI was conducting certain investigations with respect to the burning

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of crosses at or in the vicinity of the residences of certain persons in the City of Washington and at Beltsville, Maryland. He was told that in connection with the investigation, his name had come up on several occasions and it was desired to question him to determine what connection with or knowledge he may possess concerning burning of the crosses.

In reply JOHN PEARCE stated that he had no personal connection with the cross burning incidents referred to, nor did he have any foreknowledge that they were to take place, nor was he acquainted with the identity of the person or persons who might be responsible. He stated that the first he knew about the cross burnings was when he heard it on the radio or read it in the newspaper on July 14, 1956.

It was made clear to him that the FBI was not investigating the White Citizens Council nor the Maryland Petition Committee, but it was explained that some information had come to our attention that one or more persons connected with the White Citizens Council were apparently involved in the cross burnings, and that on those occasions when his name had been mentioned, he had been identified as heading the Maryland Petition Committee delegation in Prince Georges County.

JOHN PEARCE then stated that he was not and had never been a member of the White Citizens Council. He said that he is, in fact, Chairman of the Prince Georges County Chapter of the Maryland Petition Committee. He explained that he has on one occasion attended the meeting of the White Citizens Council. This was on or about June 15, 1956, held at the Annapolis Hotel at Washington, D. C., which meeting was a public meeting he had attended with his father. He went to this meeting after seeing an announcement in the Public Press that one ACE CARTER was to address a meeting of the White Citizens Council. He said that he understood ACE CARTER was from Alabama and was perhaps the head of a Citizens Council in Alabama. At the meeting at the Annapolis Hotel, CARTER was introduced by a man named JOHN KASPER, who apparently had some connection with the Washington, D. C., White Citizens Council and it was at this time that he learned that KASPER had a small bookshop on Wisconsin Avenue in the District of Columbia, a block or two above M Street.

At some time subsequent to the June 15, 1956, meeting referred to, the exact date being not recalled, JOHN PEARCE said he went to KASPER's bookshop to talk to him about the White Citizens Council, including its aims and objectives. This is the only time he has been in contact with JOHN KASPER since the June 15, 1956, meeting.

With respect to his whereabouts on the night of July 13-14, 1956, JOHN PEARCE said that he was that night attending a meeting of the Maryland Petition Committee at Jessup, Maryland (Howard County). This meeting was held in a small building, like a one-room school house. Present at the meeting were approximately 20 individuals, including a ROBERT WISEMAN, who is State Head of the Maryland Petition Committee and "his assistant". Also present were the county chairmen of the 7 or 8 counties represented by the Maryland Petition Committee. PEARCE named these counties as including Howard, Prince Georges, Montgomery, Baltimore, Anne Rundel, Calvert, St. Marys, and Charles. He said he thought one of the last named counties has an application pending for membership in the State Organization. This was a regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Maryland Petition Committee. Meetings are usually scheduled for the second Friday of the month; the purpose of the meeting was to recount what was being done in the counties represented and to "distribute the mail."

PEARCE explained this as meaning that those present were to pick up their copies of the monthly bulletin published by the Maryland Petition Committee for distribution among the local members and associates. PEARCE stated that no representative of the White Citizens Council was present at this meeting to address it. He stated some members of the White Citizens Council could have been present without his specific knowledge. He denied that anything was said or proposed at this meeting with respect to any cross burnings. He went to and left the meeting by himself. He said that he himself left the meeting and returned to his home, leaving the meeting between 10 and 10:30 P.M. He claimed without reservation that he was in his own home at or about midnight, July 13, 1956, and had been there for some time prior to midnight and did not depart therefrom until the following morning. In this last assertion he was supported by his parents, who said that they knew he was home at the time he stated.

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JOHN PEARCE stated that he had no objection to giving a written signed statement denying any personal participation in or knowledge of the cross burnings referred to, but he did not want to include in it anything other than this. His statement reads:

"4810 48th Ave.
Edmonston, Md.
July 23, 1956

"I, JOHN H. PEARCE make the following statement freely and willingly to FRANCIS X. JAHN and JOHN P. RIDGELY who I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised it is my right to make no statement at all and that what I say may be used against me. No threats nor promises have been made to me to cause me to make this statement. I have been advised I have a right to consult a lawyer before making a statement.

"The first I heard or knew about any cross burning in Washington, D. C., or Maryland on July 13-14, 1956 was when I heard it on the radio or saw it in the newspaper on July 14, 1956.

" I did not participate in any of the cross burnings referred to in the radio and press accounts, nor do I know the identity of any person or persons who may have done this.

"I have stated that at or about midnight Friday, July 13, 1956 I was at my residence in Edmonston, Md.

"This statement is true.
JOHN H. PEARCE

"Witnesses:
FRANCIS X. JAHN, FBI Hyattsville, Md.
JOHN P RIDGELY F.B.I., Hyattsville, Md."

The above signed statement is being maintained in the files of Washington Field Office.

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On July 23, 1956, SAs RIDGELY and JAHN verified PEARCE's presence at the Maryland Petition Committee meeting at Jessup on the night of July 13, 1956, and his approximate departure time of 10:30 p.m., by himself, on July 13, 1956, through Mr. ROBERT L. WISEMAN, Route 1, Ellicott City, Maryland, President, and JOHN A. MILLER, 2334 Jefferson Street, Baltimore, Maryland, Treasurer, Maryland Petition Committee.

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INVESTIGATION IN THE VICINITY OF 3018
DUMBARTON AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.
(CONTINUED)

The following investigation was conducted by
SA WILLIAM C. CARROLL on July 24, 1956.

Mr. E. T. WOOLARD, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, Apartment A-3, upon reinterview advised he could not recall that anyone else was present at the time he went out to investigate the fire on the lawn of 3018 Dumbarton Avenue except Mr. LYNN PETERSON who also resides in an apartment in 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, and a young couple who were being interviewed by the police. He said this couple were apparently the first ones to arrive at the scene. Mr. WOOLARD stated that he would be unable to identify this couple and doubted that he could recognize their photographs. He suggested that the police, however, would have their names.

Mr. WOOLARD further advised that after he had returned to his apartment he kept walking over and looking out of the window. On about his third or fourth trip to the window he noticed a young lady, Miss JEAN PIETRAS, who also occupies an apartment at 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, arrive at the scene. He pointed out that by the time this young lady arrived everything was over. *WASHINGTON*

Efforts to locate JEAN PIETRAS on July 24, 1956, were negative.

On reinterview Mr. LYNN N. PETERSON, Apartment C-3, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, advised that the only persons he had seen at the scene of the cross burning at 3018 Dumbarton Avenue were Mr. WOOLARD, who is his neighbor, and a young couple. PETERSON stated he observed no one else present. He said the young couple were being interviewed by the police. On the way into the apartment house PETERSON noticed a young lady wearing a housecoat come up to the scene of the fire. When he arrived upstairs in his apartment he looked out of the window and at this time the young lady was no longer present at the scene. PETERSON advised that apparently the young lady had come out for only a few moments and had returned to her house or apartment. He was unable to state which residence she had come from. *WASHINGTON*

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PETERSON advised that he would be unable to identify any of the persons he had seen at the location of the burning cross with the exception of Mr. WOOLARD. *LL #SH IN 100-1113*

On July 25, 1956, Mrs. BETHEL WOOLARD, Apartment A-3, Dumbarton Avenue, advised SA LEO I. PROSISE that she believed Miss PIETRAS, who occupies Apartment C-2, is employed by Georgetown University Hospital. She informed that Miss PIETRAS lives alone at the above apartment.

Miss A. SMALL, Personnel Office, Georgetown University Hospital, advised that they have no record of an employee by the name of JEAN B. PIETRAS.

It was ascertained from the records of the Credit Bureau on July 25, 1956, that Miss PIETRAS was employed by Dr. LESTER NEUMAN, 1835 I Street, N. W., in 1949. Inquiry at 1835 I Street, N. W., revealed that Dr. NEUMAN retired in September, 1950, and no longer has offices at that address.

An effort was made to contact Dr. NEUMAN at his residence, 2815 Brandywine Street, N. W., by telephone but it was ascertained that his telephone has been temporarily disconnected.

**INVESTIGATION AT BRANDYWINE APARTMENTS, 4545
Connecticut Avenue, N. W.**

The following investigation was conducted by SA LEO I. PROSISE on July 24, 1956:

Mrs. EVA BENNETT, Resident Manager, Brandywine Apartments, 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., advised that *Wife* no additional information had come to her attention since she had last been contacted regarding the burning of a cross on the lawn of the above apartment house. Mrs. BENNETT stated that she had been contacted by Mrs. WILLIAM MILLER of Apartment 313 since she had made an effort to reach Mrs. MILLER on July 19, 1956, in regard to this matter. Mrs. BENNETT explained that Mrs. MILLER's apartment faces Brandywine Street and the occupants would be in a position to observe the cross burning. Mrs. BENNETT stated that Mrs. MILLER informed her that she had not observed anything unusual on the night of July 13, 1956, and that she did not see the cross burning, nor could she furnish any information in regard to it.

Mrs. BENNETT further advised that she had inadvertently omitted the name of DENNIS GLENN when requested to furnish the names of employees who had been on duty on the night of July 13, 1956. She explained that GLENN is the night engineer and that his duties necessarily restrict him to the boiler room. She was of the opinion that GLENN would be unable to furnish any information.

DENNIS GLENN was located at his residence, 865 21st Street, N. E., Apartment 6, Telephone Number Lincoln 3-8754. GLENN stated that he is the night engineer at the Brandywine Apartments and his tour of duty extends from 8:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m. He informed that on Friday, July 13, 1956, he reported at the apartment house as usual at approximately 8:00 p.m. He parked his car in the basement garage of the apartment house and then proceeded to the boiler room which is in the basement. He stated he had no occasion to leave the building between that time and 8:00 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, July 14, 1956. GLENN explained that he brings his lunch with him and eats his lunch while on duty. He advised that he left the building at approximately 8:00 a.m. and did not talk with any of the other employees before leaving. He said the first time he heard of the cross burning was on the following night, Saturday, July 14, 1956, after he reported for duty at 8:00 p.m. GLENN stated that since he learned of the cross burning no one at the apartment house has indicated to him that they had any knowledge concerning it.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF WILLIAM SWAZE ELLIOTT

The following physical description was obtained through observation and information obtained from the Division of Motor Vehicles, Richmond, Virginia:

Name:	WILLIAM SWAZE ELLIOTT
Address:	Box 234, Merrifield, Virginia
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of birth:	December 24, 1899
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	170 pounds
Eyes:	Hazel
Hair:	Graying
Complexion:	Sunburned

No apparent scars, marks, or characteristics noteworthy from an identification standpoint.

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At the time JOHN HERBERT PEARCE was interviewed, there were obtained from him as exhibits with respect to the aims and objectives of the Maryland Petition Committee the following:

- 1 - Pamphlet captioned "Principles and Aims of the Maryland Petition Committee, Inc., Jessup, Maryland.
- 2 - Application for membership in the Maryland Petition Committee.
- 3 - Maryland Petition Committee bulletin dated July, 1956.

The originals of these exhibits are being placed in the Baltimore Office files concerning the Maryland Petition Committee, Inc.

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LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

- (1) Will endeavor to locate and interview JOHN KASPER, Cadmus Bookshop, 1246 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W.
- (2) Will continue to maintain contact with Mr. and Mrs. ALEX J. HANNA, Temple Trailer Park, Alexandria, Virginia, and display pictures of WILLIAM ELLIOTT's truck and dog to him.
- (3) Will endeavor to obtain photograph of WILLIAM SWAZE ELLIOTT.
- (4) Will consider advisability of reinterviewing JOHN DAVID LEE, 428 N. Payton Street, Alexandria, Virginia.
- (5) Will display pictures of ELLIOTT's pickup truck and dog to RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY.
- (6) Will continue efforts to locate and interview JEAN B. PIETRAS, Apartment C, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., telephone HU 3-8871, concerning cross burning at 3018 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W.
- (7) Will discuss facts of case with USA.
- (8) In the event the USA at Washington, D. C. authorizes prosecution, consideration will be given to conducting an interview with ROBERT M. SMALL, 1304 S. Thomas Street, Arlington, Va., and all other persons present at time ROWLEY allegedly admitted, in presence of EDWARD L. STROHECKER and others, his participation in cross burning.

REFERENCE: Report of SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR. (A), dated 7/21/56 at Washington, D. C.

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The Attorney General

July 27, 1956

Director, FBI

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS;
ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an investigative report dated July 27, 1956, which has been prepared by our Washington Field Office in connection with this investigation. Copies of this report are being furnished to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Olney with copies of this memorandum.

The enclosed report reflects that Ronald Eugene Rowley, one of the subjects, has identified a photograph of Edgar F. Johnston as one of the individuals who participated in the burning of crosses on the night of July 13 - 14, 1956. In previous memoranda, you have been advised that Rowley stated that Johnston, identified by Rowley as temporary chairman of the Southeast Washington White Citizens Council, accompanied John Kasper of the White Citizens Council in a caravan of four vehicles which proceeded from Southeast to Northwest Washington on the night of July 13, 1956, just prior to the time the crosses were burned.

Photographs of the red Studebaker pickup truck, belonging to William Swaze Elliott, mentioned in my memorandum of July 26, 1956, were exhibited to Rowley. Rowley advised that this truck is the same type and looks very much like the truck which was in the caravan of four vehicles referred to above.

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The enclosed report sets out additional information obtained through investigation in the neighborhood of former Solicitor General Sobeloff. Additional information is set forth as furnished by Alex J. Hanna who has been in contact with John David Lee and is attempting to induce Lee to cooperate with this Bureau.

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The Attorney General

Enclosed report reflects that this matter was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney Frederick G. Smithson, Washington, on July 26, 1956. Mr. Smithson advised that based on his review of investigative reports in this matter, he does not believe the case has prosecutive merit. Mr. Smithson advised he has conferred with United States Attorney Oliver Gasch and the Department with regard to this matter and before rendering a final prosecutive opinion concerning the disposition of this case, he is awaiting a confirmatory response from the Department. Mr. Smithson was informed that contact will be maintained with Alex J. Hanna in an effort to obtain a complete statement from John David Lee pending his final decision but that no further investigative efforts would be made. Mr. Smithson replied that he felt this would be proper under the circumstances.

In view of Assistant United States Attorney Smithson's comments, it will be appreciated if the matter of possible prosecution in this case is considered as early as possible in order that Mr. Smithson and this Bureau may have the views of the Department.

In the meantime, no further investigation will be conducted in this matter other than that outlined to Mr. Smithson unless a specific request is received from you, or from the United States Attorney in Washington.

Enclosure

cc: 1-Mr. William P. Rogers (Enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

cc: 1-Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Warren Olney III

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON FIELD

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON FIELD	DATE WHEN MADE 7/27/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/25, 26/56	REPORT MADE BY LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR. ^{jcr} (A)
TITLE RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROWLEY identified photograph of subject JOHNSTON. States photograph of subject ELLIOTT's truck looks very much like truck used in cross burnings. Interview of JEAN PIETRAS, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., negative. ALEX J. HANNA states LEE and other associates having difficulty locating JOHN KASPER and think he is racketeer. States ELLIOTT went to see LEE 7/24/56 and inquired as to how FBI found out about him and located whereabouts. HANNA believes LEE softening and may soon tell all about matter. HANNA endeavoring to possibly identify another individual who may have been involved in cross burnings. AUSA FREDERICK G. SMITHSON advised he does not believe case has prosecutive merit but will not render final opinion pending confirmatory response from Department.

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*memo to AG 7/27/56
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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA LEO I. PROSISE:

On July 26, 1956, photographs of subject ELLIOTT's red Studebaker truck were exhibited to subject ROWLEY. ROWLEY advised that this truck is the same type and looks very much like the truck used in the cross burnings. He pointed out especially the slats on the floor of the truck. He is still of the impression that the truck used in the cross burnings had some type of covering on the chains holding the tail gate. ROWLEY was unable to identify a dog which is shown in the picture with ELLIOTT's truck.

At this time, ROWLEY was also shown photographs of subject EDGAR JOHNSTON. He readily identified an individual photograph of JOHNSTON, as well as photographs of JOHNSTON standing beside his Pontiac automobile. ROWLEY advised that this automobile also resembles the car in which JOHNSTON and KASPER were riding on the night of the cross burning. He now recalls that the automobile had two strips of chromium on the white hood, and for this reason he feels sure that the car which he saw was a Pontiac.

JEAN B. ~~PIETRAS~~, Apartment C2, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., telephonically advised SA WILLIAM C. CARROLL on July 26, 1956, that on the night of July 13, 1956, she had been out with some friends and returned home around 1 A.M.

Her friends dropped her off near the corner of 30th and Dumbarton Avenue and continued on. As she walked up Dumbarton Avenue toward her home, she saw a Metropolitan Police Department scout car pull away from the curb near the entrance to the apartment house where she resides. She stated the street was otherwise deserted and the fire had already been extinguished. Miss PIETRAS later learned about the cross burning from LYNN PETERSON, a neighbor. She could not recall having seen any other vehicles in the vicinity as she approached the apartment.

Mr. ALEX J. ~~HANNA~~, Temple Trailer Park, Alexandria, Virginia, was contacted by SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR., on July 25, 1956. HANNA advised he has endeavored through various associates to locate JOHN KASPER with negative results. He stated he understands that many of his associates, including LEE, have been trying to contact KASPER without success and are becoming somewhat disturbed over the manner in which KASPER is conducting himself. He stated that LEE has indicated to him that he believes KASPER is a racketeer and that LEE has been suspicious of him over the past three or four weeks. He stated that LEE told him on July 25, 1956, that ELLIOTT had visited him at his home on the night of July 24, 1956, and had made inquiry of him as to how the Federal Bureau of Investigation had found out about him and where he lived. HANNA related it is his opinion that LEE is softening and may soon be in a position where he would make the full story available to the Bureau concerning his activities.

HANNA stated he understands that the White Citizens Councils (WCC) is planning on holding a meeting someplace on Friday night and that he is endeavoring to determine the location of the meeting. HANNA related based on discussions that he has had with LEE and other members of the WCC that there may be another individual possibly involved in the cross burnings whose name he cannot recall. He requested that the name of the individual who rented the room at the Annapolis Hotel for the June 15, 1956, meeting be obtained in view of the fact he believed this person might be another party involved in the cross burnings and with the name available, his recollections could possibly be refreshed.

Mr. ABEL GIRAULT, Assistant Manager, Manger-Annapolis Hotel, 1111 H Street, N. W., advised SA WILLIAM H. WELCH, JR., on July 26, 1956, that the hotel's banquet book reflects that on June 15, 1956, the Seaboard Citizens Council had a meeting in the Everglades Room. He stated the banquet book reflected the address of the organization as 1246 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W. (It should be noted this is the

address of JOHN KASPER's Cadmus Bookstore.), and that the amount of the reservation was \$125. GIRAULT stated the actual reservation was handled by Assistant Manager, FRANK FLYNN.

Mr. FRANK FLYNN, Assistant Manager, Manger-Annapolis Hotel, advised SA WELCH that he recalls making instant reservation and that two men came in together to make the arrangements. He stated one of the men said he owned a bookstore at the address appearing in the banquet book and that the other party with him indicated he was from Alabama but did not give his name. FLYNN recalled that a check was issued in payment of the reservation.

EVELYN PEEDIN, Bookkeeper, Manger-Annapolis Hotel, advised SA WELCH on July 26, 1956, that a review of the check register of the cashier disclosed that a check in the sum of \$125 was issued to the hotel on June 13, 1956. PEEDIN related that the register reflected the name of the maker was "FLEMMING," and that it was drawn against a bank using the symbol number 15-7/511. PEEDIN pointed out that it appeared this may have been the check which was issued for the reservation but that it could not be established with finality.

Assistant United States Attorney FREDERICK G. SMITHSON advised SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR., July 26, 1956, that based on his review of the investigative reports in this matter, he does not believe the case has prosecutive merit. He stated he has conferred with the United States Attorney OLIVER GASCH, and the Department, with regard to this matter, and before rendering a final prosecutive opinion concerning the disposition of this case, he is awaiting a confirmatory response from the Department. SMITHSON related he has maintained contact with the Department since the beginning of this case on all developments as they have been reported.

Mr. SMITHSON was advised that contact will be maintained with ALEX J. HANNA in an effort to obtain a complete statement from JOHN LEE pending his final decision,

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but that no further investigative efforts would be made. Mr. SMITHSON stated he feels this would be proper under the circumstances.

Inquiry was made of Mr. SMITHSON as to the possibility of obtaining a search warrant to search the premises of WILLIAM SWAZE ELLIOTT. Mr. SMITHSON advised that in order to obtain a search warrant, it would be necessary to have a criminal charge and that there appears to be no such charge in existence at this time.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

- (1) Will maintain contact with Mr. ALEX J. HANNA, Temple Trailer Park, Alexandria, Virginia, with view to possibly obtaining a full statement from the subject, JOHN LEE.
- (2) Will maintain contact with the United States Attorney to obtain a final opinion with regard to this investigation.

REFERENCE: Report of SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR., at Washington, D. C., dated 7/25/56.

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7/30/56

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (89-42)

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS
AFO

~~ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER~~
Re WFO airtel 7/27/56.

ALEX J. HANNA as yet has been unable to develop JOHN LEE. AUSA, FREDERICK G. SMITHSON, advised 7/30/56 conference held at Department 7/27/56 re instant case. Conference attended by AAG WARREN OLNEY III, OLNEY's assistants, Messrs. IRONS and COLLINGS, USA OLIVER GASCH and himself. States Department indicates agreement with his opinion that case does not have prosecutive merit. However, OLNEY desires to discuss with AG prior to rendering of final opinion. No further developments to date.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, WFO (89-42)

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL; CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN,
ET AL - VICTIMS
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER
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For info of Bureau and offices receiving this
airtel, ALEX J. HANNA, Temple Trailer Park, Alexandria,
Virginia, has advised that subject HOCKETT has two German
lugers and carries a gun on occasions. For this reason,
if an effort is made to arrest HOCKETT, he should be con-
sidered armed and dangerous.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (89-42)

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY; Et Al
Chief Justice EARL WARREN; Et Al - VICTIMS
AFO

ALEX J. HANNA, Temple Trailer Park, Alexandria,
Va., advised as follows 7/26/56:

On Sat., 7/7/56, FRED HOCKETT, JOHN KASPER,
RONALD ROWLEY and himself went to Chesapeake Beach, Md.,
to distribute White Citizens Council literature. While
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improper license plates. HOCKETT arrested this date; released on \$25.00 collateral. CHENNAULT further stated that HOCKETT's station wagon will have to be inspected by D. C. authorities and probably will not meet requirements.

CHENNAULT states MPD considering obtaining warrant for KASPER's arrest for being delinquent in D. C. Sales Tax returns. Will advise WFO of action taken.

MPD was advised of possibility of cutting of tires and placing sugar in gas tanks of Negroes' cars. RH and BA should notify suburban Washington PD's of this possibility.

WFO maintaining contact with HANNA re LEE.

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REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON FIELD	DATE WHEN MADE 7/30/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/26,27,30/56	REPORT MADE BY LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR. (A) jcr
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ALEX J. HANNA states while returning to Washington, D. C., from Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, on 7/7/56 with FRED HOCKETT, JOHN KASPER and RONALD ROWLEY a discussion was held concerning negro problem. Relates HOCKETT stated he was former member of Klu Klux Klan and that someone ought to burn some crosses around here, and KASPER replied he could look up some good addresses. HANNA states he believes this was inception of idea to burn crosses. HANNA stated HOCKETT then stated he had built crosses before and described in detail how crosses could be constructed. HANNA relates final plans for cross burnings apparently made between 7/7/56 and 7/13/56. Relates KASPER telephoned him 7/11/56 and inquired as to whether HANNA recalled discussion on previous Saturday about cross burnings and indicated it might be carried out on Friday, the 13th. AUSA FREDERICK G. SMITHSON advises he is not ready to furnish final prosecutive opinion concerning case. HOCKETT REPORTEDLY HAS TWO GERMAN LUGERS AND CARRIES A GUN ON OCCASIONS. ACCORDINGLY, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. ALEX J. HANNA, Temple Trailer Park, Alexandria, Virginia, was interviewed by SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR., on July 26, 1956. He stated that on Saturday, July 7, 1956, FRED HOCKETT, JOHN KASPER, RONALD ROWLEY and himself went to Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, to distribute literature of the White Citizens Councils (WCC). He stated while returning to Washington, D. C., the negro problem and integration were under discussion. He related that HOCKETT stated he was a former member of the Klu Klux Klan and that someone ought to burn some crosses around here, and KASPER replied he could look up some good addresses if they wanted to do it. HANNA stated he believes this was the inception of the idea to burn crosses. HANNA related HOCKETT then stated he had built crosses before and described in detail how the crosses could be constructed.

According to HANNA, HOCKETT stated they could take two pieces of wood and put them together with a bolt so they could be folded and conveniently transported. HANNA stated HOCKETT said iron pegs sharpened to a pencil point could be placed at the bottom of the crosses to stand them up in the ground and that cotton could be wrapped around them which could be doused with kerosene to provide the flames. HANNA added that HOCKETT said Energine could be used as a quick starter to ignite the kerosene.

Inquiry was made of HANNA as to whether the purpose of the burning of the crosses was clearly stated at this time and whether conversation was had as to the significance of the burning of the crosses. HANNA stated no clear-cut purposes were stated and that he believes the significance of it was to show dissatisfaction with regard to integration.

HANNA related the final plans for the cross burnings apparently were made between July 7, 1956, and July 13, 1956. He stated on Wednesday, July 11, 1956, KASPER telephoned him and asked if he was going to attend the meeting of the WCC on July 13, 1956. He stated he told KASPER he did not think he would be able to attend the meeting because it was his wedding anniversary and that his wife wanted to celebrate. He related KASPER inquired as to whether HANNA

recalled the discussion they had the previous Saturday about cross burnings and said we may carry it out on Friday, the thirteenth. HANNA stated he had calls from both HOCKETT and KASPER on Thursday night, July 12, 1956. He stated KASPER told him if he decided to come to the meeting to bring JOHN LEE with him. HANNA related at the meeting on the thirteenth, HOCKETT met him as he was leaving, and in the presence of his, HANNA's, wife said he surely wished HANNA would stay around for awhile in a manner that indicated to HANNA that something was going to be done. He stated he thinks HOCKETT was afraid to say anything about cross burnings in the presence of his wife.

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HANNA stated that he understands HOCKETT has two German lugers and carries a gun on occasions.

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Assistant United States Attorney FREDERICK G. SMITHSON advised SA CHISHOLM on July 30, 1956, he is not ready to furnish a final prosecutive opinion concerning this case.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

AUSA FREDERICK G. SMITHSON advised on 7/30/56 that a conference was held at the Department of Justice on Friday, 7/27/56, concerning this case. He stated the conference was attended by Assistant Attorney General WARREN OLNEY III; Mr. OLNEY's assistants, Mr. DAVID IRONS, and REX COLLINGS; USA OLIVER GASCH; and himself. He related that his opinion, which is that this case does not have prosecutive merit, was generally concurred with but that Mr. OLNEY stated he desired to discuss this matter with the Attorney General before a final decision is reached.

LEADS

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

- (1) Will maintain contact with Mr. ALEX J. HANNA, Temple Trailer Park, Alexandria, Virginia, with view to possibly obtaining a full statement from the subject, JOHN LEE.
- (2) Will maintain contact with the United States Attorney to obtain a final opinion with regard to this case.

REFERENCE: WFO airtel to Director dated 7/27/56.

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CC: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Winterrowd
Mr. Price
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With reference to my previous memoranda concerning this case, I am enclosing herewith a report dated July 30, 1956, prepared by our Washington Field Office. Copies of this report are being furnished to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Cline with copies of this memorandum.

Alex J. Hanna, who has been interviewed on a number of occasions, has advised that on Saturday, July 7, 1956, he accompanied Fred Plant Hockett, John Kasper and subject Rowley on a trip to Chesapeake Beach, Maryland, to distribute some literature of the White Citizens Council. While returning to Washington they discussed integration and Hockett mentioned he was a former member of the Ku Klux Klan and someone ought to burn crosses in the Washington area. Kasper replied that he could look up some good addresses if they wanted to engage in this activity. Hanna stated that he believes this conversation was the inception of the idea to burn crosses in the area.

Hanna related that Hockett mentioned he had previously built crosses and described in detail how crosses could be constructed. Hanna related Hockett's description of cross construction, which is similar to the manner in which the crosses were constructed that were burned in the District area on the night of July 14, 1956.

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CC: 1-Mr. Nichols (detached)
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previous discussion about cross burnings and said the activity might be carried out on Friday, July 13, 1956. Hanna advised he received later telephone calls from Hockett and Kasper about his attendance at the meeting on July 13, 1956, and Kasper requested Hanna to bring John David Lee to this meeting.

Hanna advised that he and his wife actually did go to this meeting and that as he was leaving, Hockett expressed the hope Hanna would remain around a while in such a manner as to indicate to Hanna that Hockett was referring to the burning of crosses.

Hanna advised that Kasper telephoned him about July 18, 1956, to advise that a meeting of the White Citizens Council was scheduled on the night of July 20, 1956, in Silver Spring, Maryland. Kasper made several remarks which indicated to Hanna that a 30-foot cross might be burned at this time.

Hanna advised that John David Lee had informed him that on the night of July 21, 1956, Hockett, Kasper and either subject Rowley or Edgar Franklin Johnston came to his home in Alexandria. At this time Hockett suggested they go out and cut tires on automobiles of Negroes and put sugar in gasoline tanks of these automobiles. Hanna does not think this plan was executed. Our Agents have informed the Metropolitan Police Department and police departments in suburban areas of Washington as to the possibility that such activity as this may have taken place.

The Metropolitan Police Department has advised that Hockett was arrested on July 27, 1956, on a charge of driving a vehicle with improper license plates. He was released on \$25.00 collateral. The Metropolitan Police Department is considering obtaining a warrant for Kasper's arrest, as he is delinquent in his District of Columbia sales tax returns. With reference to information supplied by Hanna, as set out in the enclosed report, that he understands Hockett has two German Lugers and carries a gun on occasions, this information has been furnished to the Metropolitan Police Department.

Our Washington Field Office is maintaining contact with the Metropolitan Police Department and with Hanna, who is

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endeavoring to obtain additional information concerning the activities of the members of the Washington White Citizens Council.

Enclosure

cc: 1-Mr. William P. Rogers (Enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

cc: 1-Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Warren Olney III

NOTE: Instant Washington Field report reflects that Alex J. Hanna has advised that he understands that subject Hockett has two German Lugers and carries a gun on occasions. On 8-1-56, ASAC, Fletcher, Washington Field, advised this information has been furnished to Deputy Chief of Police Scott and Detective Sergeant J. Y. Chennault of Metropolitan Police Department. for appropriate action.

Mr. L. V. Boardman

July 16, 1956

Mr. A. H. Belmont

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF
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The report indicates WCC was formed 6/4/56 with headquarters at 1246 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W. Published purposes of the council are (1) stop integration process in Washington, reverse it and re-establish segregation; (2) get the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations; (3) publicize commercial contributions to the NAACP and Urban League; and (4) wipe out "rock and roll" music. Only activities of this organization to date are distribution of anti-Negro literature and public meeting 6/15/56 at Annapolis Hotel.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum for Mr. L. V. Boardman

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RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum is being submitted in response to the Director's comment. We will continue to follow closely activities of the WCC and will promptly furnish interested Government agencies and officials pertinent information received.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *WLB*

DATE: July 16, 1956

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AHB*SUBJECT: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF
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The Attorney General

August 7, 1956

Director, FBI

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CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, et al. - VICTIMS;
ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a report dated August 3, 1956, which has been prepared by our Washington Field Office. Copies of this report are being made available to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Olney with copies of this memorandum.

This report sets forth the results of the interview which our Agents had with John David Lee on August 1, 1956, which was summarized in my memorandum to you dated August 3, 1956.

Enclosure

cc: Mr. William P. Rogers (Enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

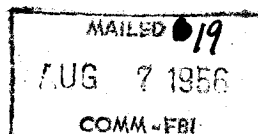
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FROM: SAC, WFO (89-42)

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Rerep SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, WDC, 7/30/56.

JOHN DAVID LEE interviewed 8/1/56 and denies being member of White Citizens Councils (WCC). States went to WCC meeting 7/13/56 with ALEX J. HANNA and wife with thought in mind he would organize WCC in Alexandria, Va. States HANNA left meeting early and after meeting he approached JOHN KASPER whom he had met once previously and asked for ride home. LEE relates KASPER told him RONALD ROWLEY would take him home.

States got in car with ROWLEY and drove to gas station and returned to Legion Hall. Upon return three vehicles formed caravan which consisted of FRED HOCKETT in his station wagon, (FNU) ELLIOTT in his red pickup truck, and he and ROWLEY in ROWLEY's car and proceeded down Nichols Ave., S. E., and across 11th Street bridge where stopped for light. At this point KASPER came across street and went to HOCKETT's car where they talked and then returned across street.

Unable to recall whether KASPER or fourth vehicle joined caravan. Caravan continued to Connecticut Ave., N. W. LEE does not recall when or where ELLIOTT turned off but recalls en route ROWLEY told him they were going to burn crosses and purpose was demonstration of their objection to Supreme Court's decision on integration.

States HOCKETT and ROWLEY drove to Sheraton Park Hotel and stopped. States he walked down street from car and when returned saw two crosses burning. Denies assisting in burning crosses or having seen them prior to time burned. Admits driving to Virginia with ROWLEY where cars changed. States ROWLEY told him group was going to meet again at Legion Hall after crosses burned. After changing cars he and ROWLEY returned to Legion Hall but no one else showed up.

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States 7/15/56 KASPER came to his home and discussed cross burning but LEE declined to furnish details of discussion other than KASPER queried him as to what happened. States KASPER told him not to talk to Police or FBI and gave him names of two attorneys to contact who were (FNU) NEWLON and (FNU) SIMMONS. States while KASPER there HOCKETT came in and discussed cross burnings in general and told him not to answer any inquiries for anyone and get one of two attorneys.

States (FNU) ELLIOTT came to house 7/24/56 and said agents had talked with him and he wanted to contact attorney.

LEE throughout interview declined to furnish specifics, and stated purpose of appearing for interview was to clarify his position. Stated he previously said he participated, and now desires to clarify position that he was duped into going along and did not participate. LEE attempted to mislead Agents and made false statements from time to time during interview some of which he retracted and was very vague, evasive, and non-specific.

ALEX J. HANNA advised 8/1/56 he will endeavor to obtain more information from LEE and will try to establish who burned crosses at SCBELOFF's and FRANKFURTER's homes.

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CC: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Winterrowd
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August 3, 1956

Director, FBI

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS;
ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

In connection with my previous memoranda concerning this case, I wanted to advise you of the results of an interview which Agents of our Washington Field Office had with subject John David Lee on August 1, 1956. It will be recalled that Lee was one of the individuals who participated in burning crosses at the Sheraton-Park Hotel on the night of July 13-14, 1956.

Lee denied that he is a member of the White Citizens Council. He said he attended a meeting of the White Citizens Council on July 13, 1956, with Alex J. Hanna and wife, with the thought in mind that he would organize a White Citizens Council group in Alexandria, Virginia. Lee stated that Mr. and Mrs. Hanna left the meeting early, and after the meeting was concluded he approached John Kasper, whom he had met on one previous occasion, and asked for a ride home. He related that Kasper informed him that Ronald Eugene Rowley would take him home.

Lee said that he then got in a car with Rowley and they drove to a service station, later returning to the American Legion Hall, where the meeting was held. Upon their return, three vehicles formed a caravan, which consisted of Fred Plant Hockett in his station wagon, an individual named Elliott, who was in a red pickup truck, and Rowley and himself, who were in Rowley's car. This caravan proceeded down Nichols Avenue, Southeast, and across the Eleventh Street Bridge, spanning the Anacostia River, where the caravan stopped for a traffic light. Lee advised that at this point, Kasper came from across the street to Hockett's car, where they talked. Kasper then returned across the street.

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Lee was unable to recall whether Kasper or a fourth individual joined the caravan. He related that the caravan continued to Connecticut Avenue, Northwest. He stated he did not recall when or where Elliott, the man in the red pickup truck, turned off of Connecticut Avenue. He said that en route Rowley told him they were going to burn crosses, the purpose being to demonstrate their objection to the Supreme Court's decision on integration.

Lee advised that Hockett, in his car, and Rowley and himself, in Rowley's car, drove to the Sheraton-Park Hotel and stopped. Lee related that he walked down the street from Rowley's car, and when he returned he observed two crosses burning on the property of the Sheraton-Park Hotel. He denied that he assisted in burning the crosses or that he had seen them prior to the time he observed them burning. He said that Rowley and himself drove to Virginia, where Rowley obtained another automobile. Lee related that Rowley told him the group was to meet again at the American Legion Hall after the crosses were burned. After he and Rowley changed cars they returned to the Legion Hall, but no one else showed up.

Lee advised that on July 15, 1956, John Kasper came to his home and discussed the matter of cross burnings, but Lee refused to furnish details of this discussion other than to state that Kasper questioned him as to what happened. He said Kasper instructed him not to talk to the police or the FBI, and gave him the names of two attorneys to contact, whose names he only knew as Simmons and Newlon. Lee advised that while Kasper was at his home, Hockett visited him, discussing the cross burnings in general, and instructing him not to answer any inquiries for anyone. He said that the person he knew only as Elliott came to his house on July 24, 1956, and informed him that Agents of this Bureau had talked with him.

Throughout the interview Lee declined to furnish specifics, and stated the purpose of appearing for interview was to clarify his position. He said he had previously advised Agents that he had participated in the burning of crosses and that he now desired to state that he was duped into going along, and did not participate. During the interview Lee attempted to mislead interviewing Agents, and made false statements, some of which he retracted when his attention was called to these false statements.

The Attorney General

Alex J. Hanna, who now appears to be cooperating with Agents of our Washington Field Office, advised on August 1, 1956, that he will endeavor to obtain additional information from Lee, and will try to establish the identities of the persons who burned crosses at the residences of former Solicitor General Sobeloff and Justice Frankfurter. We will continue to maintain contact with Hanna, and you will be advised of any further developments.

cc: 1-Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

cc: 1-Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

NOTE: Information furnished to the Attorney General, with copies for Rogers and Olney, which is set out in this memorandum, was furnished to the Bureau in Washington Field airtel of 8-2-56.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FORM No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

WASHINGTON FIELD

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON FIELD	DATE WHEN MADE AUG 3 1956	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/31;8/1/56	REPORT MADE BY LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, Jr. (A)
TITLE RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOHN DAVID LEE denies being member White Citizens Councils (WCC). Attended meeting 7/13/56, with ALEX J. HANNA and wife. States HANNA left meeting early and he arranged ride home through JOHN KASPER with RONALD ROWLEY. States caravan formed outside American Legion Hall consisting of station wagon driven by FRED HOCKETT; red pickup truck driven by (FNU) ELLIOTT and ROWLEY's car in which he was passenger. Caravan proceeded down Nichols Avenue, S.E., over 11th Street, S.E., Bridge where stopped for traffic light and KASPER appeared and talked with HOCKETT. States ROWLEY told him they were going to burn crosses to demonstrate objection to Supreme Court's decision on integration. States HOCKETT and ROWLEY drove to Sheraton Park Hotel and he walked away and upon returning noted two crosses burning. Denies participation or having seen crosses before. LEE then drove to Virginia with ROWLEY, cars changed, and returned Legion Hall where ROWLEY had said group was going to meet after cross burning, but no one showed up. States KASPER and HOCKETT came to his house 7/15/56, and discussed cross burnings. LEE declined to furnish specifics. States told not to discuss matter and names of two attorneys furnished for his assistance. LEE admits ELLIOTT visited him 7/24/56, and said Agents had talked to him. LEE was evasive and generally nonspecific throughout interview. HANNA advised he will endeavor to obtain more information from LEE. HOCKETT REPORTEDLY HAS TWO GERMAN LUGERS AND CARRIES A GUN ON OCCASIONS. ACCORDINGLY, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. ALEX J. HANNA, Temple Trailer Park, Alexandria, Virginia, advised SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, Jr., on July 31, 1956, that he had been in contact with JOHN DAVID LEE and that he felt LEE was now in a position where he would be more cooperative with Bureau Agents and furnish them the benefit of his knowledge concerning the cross burnings.

Mr. JOHN DAVID LEE was telephonically contacted on July 31, 1956, by SA CHISHOLM and he agreed to come to the Alexandria Resident Agency on August 1, 1956, for an interview.

Mr. JOHN DAVID LEE, 428 North Peyton Street, Alexandria, Virginia, was interviewed at the Alexandria Resident Agency on August 1, 1956, by SAs JAMES F. DURKIN and LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, Jr.

At the outset of the interview LEE stated that his purpose for coming in for the interview was to clarify his position. He related he had previously advised Agents that he had participated in the cross burnings but had declined to furnish any specifics concerning this matter. LEE indicated he had been duped into going along with the cross burners but did not actually participate in the burnings. LEE pointed out that his wife and family had been very concerned and nervous about this incident and had urged him to reveal the part he played in the cross burnings to the proper authorities.

Mr. LEE stated that on July 13, 1956, Mr. ALEX J. HANNA and his wife came to his home and invited him and his wife to go out and celebrate the HANNA's wedding anniversary. He related that HANNA told him of the meeting of the White Citizens Council (WCC) to be held that evening and indicated that they would attend the meeting first and then celebrate. He said his wife was not interested in attending the meeting because she was unable to get a baby sitter and told him to go ahead with the HANNAs. LEE denied that he was a member of the WCC and stated he went to the WCC meeting with HANNA primarily to see how the organization functioned with view to possibly organizing a WCC in Alexandria, Virginia.

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LEE advised that during the course of the WCC meeting held at the American Legion Hall on Nichols Avenue, S. E., that evening HANNA decided to leave before the meeting ended and asked him if he was ready to go. He stated he told HANNA to go ahead and that he would find a way to get home. He said the HANNA then left the meeting and were not seen again by him that night. At the conclusion of the meeting LEE went to JOHN KASPER, whom he had met about July 1, 1956, through ALEX HANNA, and asked him for a ride home to Virginia. He stated that KASPER told him that RONALD ROWLEY, who was also at the meeting, would give him a ride home. He indicated that he had not met ROWLEY prior to this occasion. He stated he got into ROWLEY's car with ROWLEY and drove to a gas station near the Legion Hall where ROWLEY purchased some gasoline. He and ROWLEY then drove back to the Legion Hall and upon their return a three vehicle caravan was formed which consisted of a station wagon operated by FRED HOCKETT whom he had met for the first time at the meeting; a red pickup truck driven by a Mr. (FNU) ELLIOTT, whom he had met with HANNA in Falls Church, Virginia, about July 1, 1956, and whom he understood lived in the vicinity of Falls Church, Virginia; and ROWLEY's car which was occupied by him and ROWLEY. He stated the caravan proceeded down Nichols Avenue, S. E., and across the 11th Street, S. E., Bridge, where it stopped for a traffic light approximately across from the Navy Yard and in front of a fishing tackle store. During this stop Mr. KASPER came up on foot to HOCKETT's station wagon and held a brief conversation with HOCKETT, not within hearing distance of LEE, and returned on foot across the street. LEE pointed out he was unable to see or determine which vehicle KASPER was driving or riding in.

Inquiry was made by Agents at this time as to whether LEE was acquainted with EDGAR JOHNSTON and a picture of JOHNSTON was displayed to LEE, but he denied either knowing JOHNSTON by name or from his picture.

LEE stated he was unable to recall whether KASPER or a fourth vehicle joined the caravan at this point but that it possibly could have been ahead of them. He stated the caravan proceeded across town to Connecticut Avenue, N. W., and that while proceeding to Connecticut Avenue,

ROWLEY told him they were going to burn some crosses and that he interposed no objection nor made any effort to leave the group. He stated ROWLEY told him the purpose of the burning of the crosses was to demonstrate their objection to the Supreme Court's decision on integration. LEE related the caravan proceeded down Connecticut Avenue and that up to this point from time to time he had seen the red pickup truck. However, sometime before the station wagon which he and ROWLEY were following down Connecticut Avenue, turned right on Woodley Road, the red pickup truck driven by ELLIOTT had left the caravan. He stated he and ROWLEY followed HOCKETT and his station wagon down Connecticut Avenue to a point where they turned right on Woodley Road in front of the Sheraton Park Hotel. He stated HOCKETT pulled his station wagon up and double parked behind some other vehicle and that ROWLEY backed into the curb and parked. Upon parking the vehicle ROWLEY got out of the driver's side and started to cross Woodley Road toward the front of the Sheraton Park Hotel. LEE states he got out of the passenger's side and started to follow ROWLEY but when he got to the middle of Woodley Road, he turned back across the street to ROWLEY's car and stood on the sidewalk looking away from the Hotel entrance. He therefore pointed out that he did not see the crosses being carried to the front of the Hotel; did not see them being set up; did not see who set them up, and first saw the crosses after they had been ignited and were burning. LEE stressed at this point that when the crosses were burning this is the first time he had seen them and was unaware how they had been transported to the scene, and further that he had not seen anything which resembled a cross in any of the other vehicles.

He stated HOCKETT apparently left the Hotel and departed in his station wagon as he did not see him again that evening. He stated ROWLEY inquired of him as to the best route to take to get back to Virginia. LEE suggested that ROWLEY continue on Woodley Road in the direction his car was facing, to turn on to Garfield Street, N. W., and eventually via Wisconsin Avenue, to cross Key Bridge into Virginia, which they did. They drove to a White Tower Restaurant in Clarendon, Virginia, where they purchased some food. He stated ROWLEY then drove to what apparently

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was his home in Arlington, Virginia, and changed automobiles having told him that the group planned to meet back at the American Legion Hall after the crosses were burned. LEE related he was unaware as to why ROWLEY changed cars and did not ask about it. He stated he and ROWLEY then drove back to Washington, D. C., where they stopped at a seafood place on Maine Avenue, S. W., and had some beer. LEE pointed out that this was the only alcoholic beverage he had consumed during the course of the evening and that he and ROWLEY then returned to the Legion Hall but were unable to locate any of the members of the group. He stated ROWLEY then drove him back to Alexandria, Virginia, where he let him out approximately one block from his home. LEE pointed out that he read about the cross burnings in the Washington Post on July 14, 1956. He stated this was the first time that he had full knowledge as to where the crosses had been burned and that he did not know who was responsible for the burning of the crosses at FRANKFURTER's or SOBELOFF's residences but that he did recall all of the names including WARREN's and LEHMAN's being mentioned by ROWLEY.

LEE related that the next happening in the sequence of events occurred when he was interviewed on July 14, 1956, by FBI Agents. He related that on July 15, 1956, JOHN KASPER came to his home and discussed the cross burnings with him for approximately thirty minutes. LEE was very evasive at this point and declined to furnish details of the discussion he had with KASPER other than to point out that KASPER queried him as to what had happened. He stated KASPER told him not to talk to the police or FBI and gave him the names of two attorneys whom he could contact. These names were (FNU) NEWLON and (FNU) SIMMONS. LEE related that while KASPER was there HOCKETT came in and also discussed the cross burnings in general and told him not to answer any inquiries for anyone and to get in touch with one or the other of the two attorneys named by KASPER. LEE was once again very evasive and declined to furnish the full particulars of his discussion with HOCKETT. He did point out that he believed HOCKETT and KASPER had not come to his house together because they were in separate vehicles.

LEE stated that Mr. ELLIOTT came to his house on July 24, 1956, and visited with him for approximately forty-five minutes. He stated ELLIOTT told him he had talked

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with Bureau Agents and inquired of LEE as to where he could contact Mr. NEWLON, one of the attorneys. He said that ELLIOTT told him that the Bureau Agents had requested to make pictures of him, his truck, and a circular saw, but that he had refused to permit them to obtain such pictures. LEE once again was very evasive and did not disclose the nature of the specifics discussed at this meeting.

During the entire interview, LEE was evasive, vague, and repeatedly fell back on such phrases as "I told you all I know" or "I can't remember," or "that's possible," when he was pressed for details of what he did, what he saw, and what was discussed among the group participating in the cross burnings. He advised that he was not afraid of any member of the group, and had not been intimidated by them.

ALEX J. HANNA advised SA CHISHOLM on August 1, 1956, after LEE was interviewed by Agents that he would endeavor to obtain more information from LEE and will try to establish who burned the crosses at SOBELOFF's and FRANKFURTER's homes. HANNA related he is confident that LEE possesses such information.

Detective Sergeant J. Y. CHENNAULT, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., advised SA CHISHOLM on July 31, 1956, that FRED HOCKETT appeared in Municipal Court for the District of Columbia, on July 31, 1956, on the charge of operating a vehicle with improper license plates and told the Court that he had come to Washington, D. C. from Florida and was actually a resident of Florida. CHENNAULT related that HOCKETT stated he made his home principally at a trailer camp on Lawler Road and Columbia Pike, Laurel, Maryland. CHENNAULT stated that HOCKETT further advised the Court that he was in Washington, D. C., only for the purpose of settling an estate. CHENNAULT stated that Judge GEORGE NEILSON dismissed the case against HOCKETT on the basis that he had reasonable doubt as to whether HOCKETT had violated the provisions of the local code.

HOCKETT REPORTEDLY HAS TWO GERMAN LUGERS AND CARRIES A GUN ON OCCASIONS. ACCORDINGLY, HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

1. Will maintain contact with Mr. ALEX J. HANNA, Temple Trailer Park, Alexandria, Virginia, with view to possibly obtaining a full statement from the subject, JOHN LEE.
2. Will maintain contact with the United States Attorney to obtain a final opinion with regard to this investigation.

REFERENCE: Report of SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, Jr., at Washington, D. C., dated 7/30/56.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/15/56

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (89-18)

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY et al.
 Chief Justice EARL WARREN et al. - VICTIMS
 ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICERS

Relet of WFO to Bureau dated 7/27/56.

On 7/31/56 the information that certain members of the White Citizens Council were talking about slashing tires and putting sugar in the gasoline tanks of Negroes' automobiles in the Washington area, was furnished to the Police of the Maryland County in the Washington Suburban area. Captain CHARLES THOMSON, NA, Prince Georges County PD, advised by SA FRANCIS X. JAHN and Inspector CARROLL MILLER, NA, Montgomery County, PD, was advised by SA LEROY W. GREEN.

In re laboratory report dated 7/15/56, the last paragraph reflects that the remains of burned crosses delivered to the lab, four (4) from the WFO, and one (1) from the Baltimore office were being retained until called for by representatives of WFO and Baltimore.

On 7/18/56 while talking to the victim, Mrs. DOUGLAS KING on another matter, it was determined by SA FRANCIS X. JAHN that she has no desire for the exhibit obtained at her residence to be returned to her.

On 8/3/56 Lt. EARL HUBER, Prince Georges County, PD, stated he knew no reason why the burned crosses obtained from Mrs. KING should be held for evidence and he knew of no contemplated state prosecution.

Accordingly, it is suggested however, that when a decision is reached as to the ultimate disposition to be made with the charred remains of the five burned crosses in this case, that all five of them be disposed of at the same time by WFO or the lab.

There being no remaining investigation to be conducted by the Baltimore Office, at this time, this case is being marked RUC.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 27, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: HONORABLE SAMUEL RAYBURN
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
CROSS BURNING ON LAWN OF HOME

Tolson _____
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Boardman _____
Belmont _____
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Mohr _____
Parsons _____
Tamm _____
Nease _____
Winterrowd _____
Tele. Room _____
Holloman _____
Gandy _____

With regard to Mr. Price's memorandum of July 27, reporting the call of [redacted] stating she had the names of two suspects if we would investigate the case, I wish to advise that I talked to [redacted] I told her that we are keeping in close touch with the situation in Bonham regarding the cross burning at the Speaker's home and that so far it would not appear that there was jurisdiction but we are keeping in close touch with the local authorities.

She stated that she had a few ideas that she would like to pass on confidentially as "local atmosphere." By way of background, she stated that there has been considerable criticism of Rayburn by Southern congressmen for letting the Civil Rights Bill come up and also for not signing the manifesto. She stated that one of the chief lobbyists for the White Citizens Councils is Howard "Slim" Suttle who lives at the LaSalle Apartments in Washington. She did not think that Suttle was a legitimate newspaperman. She knew he was down in that part of the country. She called his wife this morning. His wife told her that Suttle was at Monroe, Louisiana. She thinks that Suttle is down there helping to organize the White Citizens Councils.

There is another individual known as "Bunch" Long who lives in Kilgore, Texas, who is an oil man and whom [redacted] knows personally. Suttle and Long worked together and she thinks that, if we would check up on Suttle and Long, we might find them in the background some place in the cross burning. She stated that the people in Sherman, Texas, are very much aroused over the integration situation, that they are a "bunch of hotheads" and it would be a simple matter for Suttle or Long to organize individuals in Sherman to go over to Bonham.

She stated that one of Rayburn's very close friends in Sherman, Texas, is a former U. S. Marshal named [redacted], who knows everybody and who would help us if we got into an investigation.

She is not so certain but that "Slim" Suttle might be back of the cross burnings in Washington at Chief Justice Warren's and Judge Sobeloff's

cc - Mr. Boardman

cc - Mr. Rosen

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homes. I asked her if she had any precise information. She said that she did not, that she just thinks that way and she does not trust him. She stated that recently Suttle had jumped her about some of her articles and told her how the White Citizens Councils were being organized. She finally concluded that, while she thought Suttle would be capable of something like this, she has no information that he was involved but that we might just check to see. In other words, [redacted] is in a feud with Suttle and she does not like his activities.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

GIR 4 DATE: 8/15/56

FROM : SAC, WFO

SUBJECT:

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER
(WFO 89-42)

WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF D. C., aka
INTERNAL SECURITY - X
(Bufile 100-423395)
(WFO 100-33226)

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OLIVER DIBBLE of the Department called at WFO and advised ASAC HOWARD B. FLETCHER that the Department was going to take the cross burnings case and the printing and publication of the pamphlet recently distributed by JOHN KASPER and others of the White Citizens Councils to the Grand Jury on 9/11/56. He stated that as an excuse to present it to the Grand Jury they were considering Section 1461, which relates to the mailing of obscene or inciting material, Section 1507, which relates to picketing or parading to influence Courts or Judges, and Section 875, which relates to interstate communication of threatening communications, all set out in Title 18 of the Code.

Mr. DIBBLE also made reference to Section 111 and Section 1503, but he apparently dismissed these as not in any manner applicable.

He indicated that he wanted SA (A) LESLIE B. CHISHOLM and SA RICHARD B. LAVIN to appear before the Grand Jury as it appeared that they are completely conversant with all ramifications of this matter. He was informed that these two SAs would be available if necessary.

Mr. DIBBLE remarked that it was planned that KASPER would be called before the Grand Jury and it was hoped that he would commit perjury; for example, that he would deny that he had any part in the printing, publication, or distribution of the pamphlet recently prepared and distributed by KASPER and others at Alexandria and Charlottesville, Virginia. If this would occur, then there would be a definite charge which could be utilized for prosecution.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

8/15/56

RE: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS
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From the remarks of Mr. DIBBLE, it did not appear that he expected any indictment to be returned for violations of any of the heretofore listed Sections of Title 18.

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Lee was named by Ronald Rowley as being a participant in the cross burnings at the Sheraton Park Hotel on early morning of 7/14/56. On interview of 7/14/56 Lee admitted being member of the White Citizens Council and that he participated in the burnings at the Sheraton Park Hotel but declined to identify his associates.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Nichols	
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DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC WASHINGTON FIELD

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RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, JOHN DAVID LEE, UNSUB PAREN ONE END
PAREN, CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL, VICTIMS, ASSAULTING
A FEDERAL OFFICER. RE PHONE CALL SAC LAUGHLIN, WFO, TO
ALEXANDRIA RESIDENT AGENCY TODAY REQUESTING INTERVIEW OF
SUBJECT LEE. LEE CONTACTED WHEN HE RETURNED HOME AT FOUR
FIFTY P.M., AT WHICH TIME HE DECLINED TO BE INTERVIEWED,
ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS, OR TO COOPERATE FURTHER WITH AGENTS.

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Mr. ROSEN

CC- INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/30/56

FROM : *L.L.L.*

SAC, WFO (89-42)

SUBJECT: *mk*RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL-VICTIMS
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

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In accordance with SAC letter No. 56-51
dated 9/25/56, there is submitted the following data:(A) BRIEF STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The evidence was obtained at time that five crosses were burned in front of residences of Chief Justice EARL WARREN, Senator HERBERT LEHMAN, Associate Justice FRANKFURTER and Judge SOBELOFF. In front of some of the crosses were placed signs designating the identity of the person for whom the cross was burned. The five crosses were submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

(B) DESCRIPTION OF THE EVIDENCE:

Five wooden crosses 8' high, made of 2" by 2" lumber.
Three hard board signs.
One metal rod.

(C) JUSTIFICATION:

The material was seized as evidence in this case and is being held on instructions of U. S. Attorney until appropriate disposition of this case.

(D) STATEMENT OF RULING OF U. S. ATTORNEY:

AUSA FREDERICK G. SMITHSON advised orally on 10/5/56, that he desired evidence described herein be retained until such time as case is concluded. The evidence was turned over to Deputy U. S. Marshal CHARLES H. WARD after consultation with and approval was obtained from AUSA SMITHSON.

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(E) IDENTIFICATION OF U. S. MARSHAL:

Deputy U. S. Marshal CHARLES H. WARD has been advised of the U. S. Attorney's opinion and is holding the property.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: Walter Eugene Rowley, Subject
Unsubs,
Felix Frankfurter, Earl Warren,
Herbert Lehman, Simon Sobeloff,
Mrs. Douglas King, Victims
Assaulting Federal Officers, Misc.

File # *89-816*
Lab. # PC-45544 BX

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Examination requested by: WFO Sac Extra cc *cc Rogers*
cc Baltimore, ~~Met PD Wash. D.C.~~ *cc Richmond*

Date of reference communication: Personal delivery Date received: 7-14-56

Examination requested: SA Francis X. Jahn (BA)
SAs Walter Heucke, Leo I. Prossie, Paul Ertzinger (WFO)

Result of Examination: Toolmarks, Spectro
Micro, Chem, Misc. Dye

Examination by: *Frazier*
L'Italian
Gormley
Donaldson

Specimens submitted for examination

Lab Rept 7/15/56
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- Q1 Wooden cross recovered ~~in front of~~ *at* home of Felix Frankfurter, *Item A*
Q2 " " ~~origin not stated.~~ *Item B*
Q3 " " ~~at~~ *Sheraton Park Hotel, Item C*
Q4 " " ~~origin not stated.~~ *Item D*
Q5 " " ~~at~~ *home of* Mrs. Douglas King
Q6 *Hand board* ~~Machine~~ sign bearing inscription "SOBELOFF JEW"
Q7 " " " " "EARLE WARREN NIGGER LOVER"
Q8 " " " " "HERBERT LEHMAN JEW"
Q9 Metal Rod found at Sheraton Park Hotel.

Q1-4, 7, 8 del by Heucke WFO

Q5 " " Jahn Balb.

Q6 " " Prossie & Ertzinger WFO.

Q1-5 - gen. construction appearance

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Exam - All So Gel. Pins (Camobdeter Species)

Cross piece #1A Ident sawed (ripped @ saw) from #4B

" " # 2A " " " " " " " # 3A

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	Edge of Board		
# 3	Cross in edge board - Q3 side		3A \downarrow
# 2		Q2	2A \downarrow
			2B \downarrow
# 4		Q4	4A \downarrow
			4B \downarrow
# 1		Q1	1A \downarrow
			1B \downarrow

) These Ident
all $1\frac{9}{16} \times 1\frac{9}{16}$ (+ $\frac{1}{16}$ Var)

#5 A+B Mon Ident #1, 2, 3, 4 cross species

Vert. Res - Eadi has had 382-388. His in end except Q3 (hole - red prob is Q9) Red prob $3/8$ "

Upright Pieces

Edge of Board

8'-0"

8'-1 1/8"

No Nail

hole

Upright

Cross piece

5'-1 1/2"

2 A 2d 4B

2 B 2d 1A

4 A 1 3B

3 A 2d 5A

1 1/2 x 1 1/2

5 B 2

No conel. whether board of X pco @ 1-4 from accum bl as vest @ 1-4 & hwy. @ 5

8' 1/2" ^{old} ^{worn} ^{and} 5 - Upright - Unsawed Non-Ed. all

2 x 1 5/8 May have been recently cut
flint has darkened surface

Walter Hencke

7/14-15/56

6¹⁵ PM to 1

Bolt Exam

1, 2, 5 Machine bolts - sq head ~~nut~~ - $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 4"
No mks of Manuf on bolts

3, 4 - 4" Carriage Bolts with wing nuts - $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 4"
round head & ~~sq nut~~
No mks of Manuf on bolts, washers or nuts.

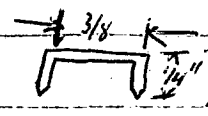
Signs:

Masonite tempered both sides (smooth) $\frac{1}{8}$ "
Unsuccessful attempt to match edges
all diff size

Q6 - Sobeloff $19\frac{3}{16}$ x $13\frac{5}{8}$

Warren $10\frac{1}{2}$ x 19

Lehman $16\frac{5}{16}$ x $15\frac{3}{4}$

Staples: $\frac{1}{4}$ " staples with $\frac{3}{8}$ "  many burned
some have TM - May be poss to ident. stapler.
Auto compression type stapler used.

Re: Walter Eugene Rowley, Subject
Unsubs,
Felix Frankfurter, Earl Warren,
Hebert Lehman, Simon Sobeloff,
Mrs. Douglas King, Victims
Assault of Federal Officers, Misc.

File # 89-816-
Lab. # PC-45544 BX
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Examination requested by: **WFO Sac**

cc Baltimore, Met PD Wash. D.C

Date of reference communication: *Personal delivery* Date received: *7-14-56*

SA Walter Heucke, Leo I. Prostse, Paul Ertzinger (WFO)

Examination requested: SA Francis X. Jahn (BA)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **Frazier**
L'Italien
Gormley
Donaldson

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1	Wooden cross recovered	in front of home of Felix Frankfurter	Item A
Q2	"	"	Item B
Q3	"	" allegedly "	Item C
Q4	"	"	Item D
Q5	"	"	
Q6	Masonite sign bearing inscription	"MRS. DOUGLAS KING"	
Q7	"	"SOBELOFF JEW"	
Q8	"	"EABLE WARREN NIGGER LOVER"	
		"HERBERT LEHMAN JEW"	

Q1-Q4, ~~Q7~~ and Q8 - del by SA Walter Hencke, WFO
Q5 " " SA Francis X Jahn, Balt
Q6 " " SAs Leo I Prossie and Paul Ertzinger

Hair & Fiber

G.R.

Q. 1 and Q. 5 contains pieces of cotton cheesecloth. Q. 1 has an approximate yarn ^{count} of 43×37 while Q. 5 has an approximate count of 62×50 . No cheesecloth was found adhering to numbers 2, 3 or 4.

Q. 2 Pieces of pink colored fabric composed of pink cotton and white filament viscose rayon yarns were found attached to Q. 2. This fabric is similar to some decorative fabrics used for curtains, overdrapes and upholstery.

Pieces of cotton sheeting or shirting having an approximate yarn count of 74×74 were found on Q. 3.

Cotton batting containing considerable plant stems, leaves, blossoms, seed hulls, etc. was found on all specimens. This batting is similar to that used for packing and heavy upholstery.

Horse hair similar to that used by upholsterers was found on Q. 1, Q. 2, Q. 4 & Q. 5. None was found on Q. 3.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **Walter Eugene Rowley, Subject**
Unsubs,
Felix Frankfurter, Earl Warren,
Herbert Lehman, Simon Sobeloff,
Mrs. Douglas King, Victims
Assault of Federal Officers, Misc.

File # **89-816-8**
Lab. # **PC- 45544 BX**
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Examination requested by: **WFO Soc**

Date of reference communication: **cc Baltimore, Met PD Wash, D.C.**
Personal Delivery Date received: **7-14-55**

Examination requested: **SA Walter Hencke, Leo I. Prosser, Paul Artzinger (WFO)**
SA Francis J. John (SA)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **Fraser**
L'Italien
Gornley
Donaldson

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 **Wooden cross recovered in front of home of Felix Frankfurter, Item A**
Q2 **" NO origin stated Item B**
Q3 **" recovered at Sheraton Park Hotel, Item C**
Q4 **" no origin stated Item D**
Q5 **" " " " Mrs. Douglas King**
Q6 **Masonite sign bearing inscription " -- SOBELOFF JEN"**
Q7 **" " " " "EARLE WARREN NIGGON LOVER"**
Q8 **" " " " "HERBERT LEHMAN JEN"**
Q9 **Metal Rod found at Sheraton Park Hotel**

Gormley

Approximately five cubic centimeters, or one sixth of an ounce, of a mixture of flammable petroleum hydrocarbons were removed from portions of the cotton batting on the crosses listed as ~~items one, four and five.~~ ^{Q1, Q4 and Q5} removed from

No flammable fluid was ~~found in~~ the cotton on the crosses listed as ^{Q2 and Q3} ~~items two and three.~~

The absence of any flammable fluid in these specimens does not preclude the possibility that it was present at the time of the burning. The fluids used to initiate their and accelerate burning because of ~~its~~ ready flammability are usually destroyed in the initial stages of a fire. It was not possible to identify the specific grade of petroleum hydrocarbons removed from ^{Q1, Q4 and Q5} ~~items one, four and five~~

because of the very limited amounts found present. The standard tests used to identify the various grades of ^{petroleum} hydrocarbons require amounts of specimens far in excess of the quantities found in the cotton on these items. The

odor of the flammable fluids removed from these items suggested, however, ^{or light fuel oil} that kerosene was ~~was~~ the fluid used.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: **Walter Eugene Rowley, Subject**
Unsub,
Felix Frankfurter, Earl Warren,
Hebert Lehman, Simon Sobeloff,
Mrs. Douglas King, Victims
Assault of Federal Officers, Misc.

File # **89-816-✓**
Lab. # **PC-45544 BX**
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Examination requested by: **WFO Sac**

Date of reference communication: **Personal delivery** Date received: **7-14-56**

Examination requested: **SA Walter Hencke, Leo I. Presise, Paul Ertzinger (WFO)**
SA Francis Z. Jahn (BA)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **Frazier**
L'Italien
Gornley
Donaldson

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1	Wooden cross recovered in front of home of Felix Frankfurter
Q2	" " " " " "
Q3	" " " " " " Sheraton Park Hotel
Q4	" " " " " "
Q5	" " " " " " Mrs. Douglas King
Q6	Masonite sign bearing inscription "— SOBELOFF JEW"
Q7	" " " " " " "EARLE WARREN NIGGER LOVER"
Q8	" " " " " " "HERBERT LEHMAN JEW"

Q6-Q8

Spectro

4x10 Plate

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1 # 2

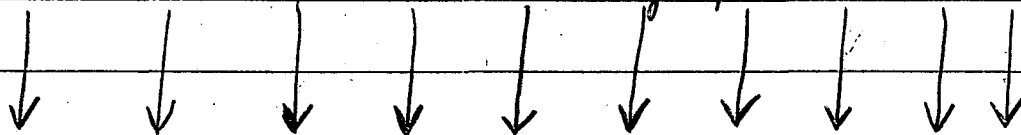
69 Carbon

66 Fe

63 (1) Q6 Zn⁺ Ca^{tr} Al⁻ Pb⁻ Si^{tr} Mg^{tr} Fe^{tr} Cu^{tr} Ti⁺ Co⁻

60 (2) Q7

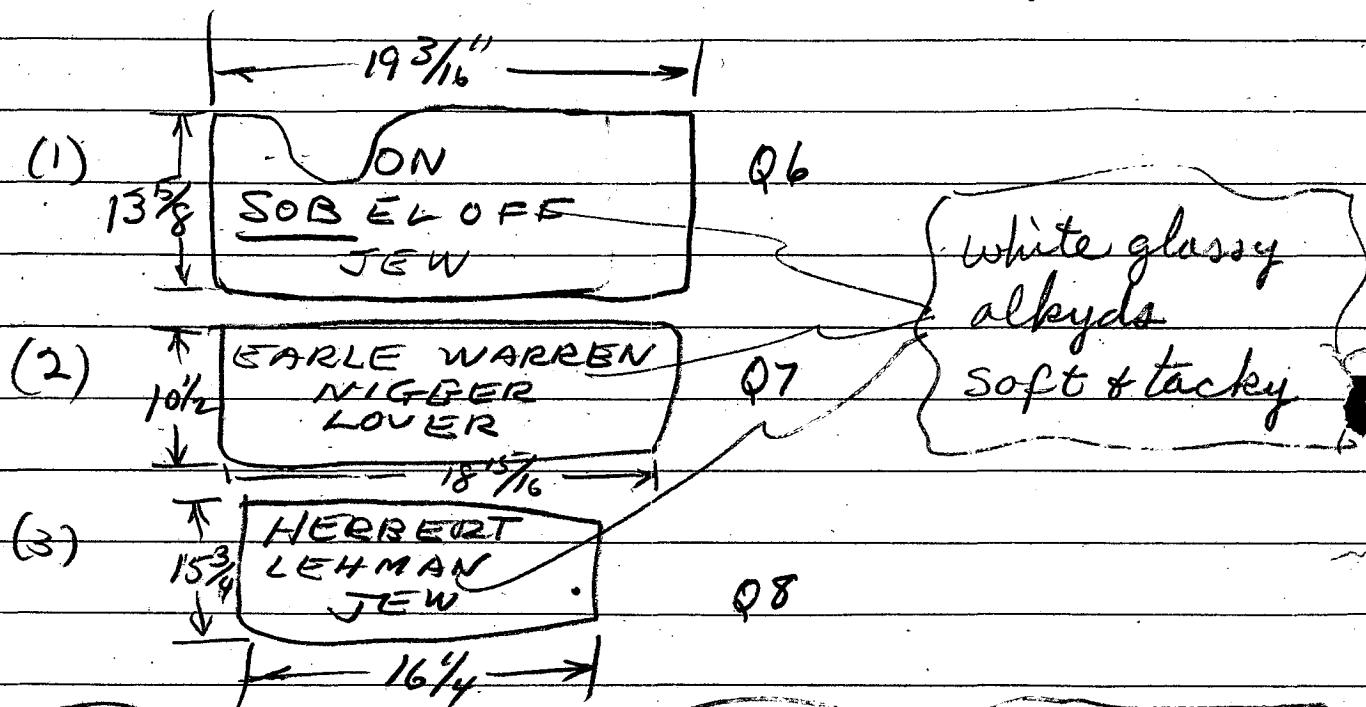
57 (3) Q8



is in composition

1 min L Arc 30 sec M Arc.

July 15 1956



paints
similar in color-texture & composition
& could be from same source

Dict.

The material comprising the lettering on the signs, Q6 through Q8, is a glossy white alkyd enamel pigmented with titanium dioxide. The enamels present on Q6 through Q8 are similar in color, texture and composition and could be from the same source.

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

File #

Lab. #

Walter Eugene Rowley, Subject
Donalds,
Felix Frankfurter, Earl Warren,
Robert Lehman, Simon Sobeloff,
 Examination requested by: **Victims**
Assault of Federal Officers, Mian.
 Date of reference communication:

Date received:

Examination requested:

cc Baltimore, Met PD Wash. D.C.

Personal delivery

7-14-56

Result of Examination:

SA Walter Kemcke, Lee I. Prastor, Paul Bratzinger (WFO)
SA Francis A. John (SA) Examination by:

Prastor
L'Italien
Gernley
Donaldson

Specimens submitted for examination

1	Needle cross recovered in front of home of Felix Frankfurter
2	" " " " " " Sheraton Park Hotel
3	" " " " " " Mrs. Douglas King
4	" " " " " " " -- SOBELOFF JAY
5	Masonic sign bearing inscription "EARL WARREN BIGGER LOVER"
6	" " " " " " " ROBERT LEHMAN JAY
7	" " " " " " "
8	" " " " " " "

all delivered to Chicago
WFO 10/5/56

Ball & Lake 10/5/56
Lab. 10/5/56

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date July 15, 1956

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Felix Frankfurter, Earl Warren,
Hebert Lehman, Simon Sobeloff
Mrs. Douglas King, Victims
Assaulting Federal Officers, Misc

Consigned to: SAC, WFO

List of Contents

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Q6-Q8

Person

PERSONALLY RETURNED TO
DATE

WFO -
10/5/56

Mr. Parsons, 7621
Mr. Conrad, 7621
Mr. Beach, 7133
Mr. Bowles, 7601
Mr. Downing, 6228 IB
Mr. Millen, 7140
Mr. Deiss, 6306 IB

DPK
WFO

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *JLM* SAC, WFO (89-42)

DATE: 12/21/56

SUBJECT: *fu* RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

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Rerep SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, Washington, D. C., dated 12/21/56, and WFO letter to Bureau dated 10/30/56.

It is to be noted in referenced report that the USA, Washington, D. C., advised disposition of the evidence collected in this case should not be made without departmental approval.

It is suggested the Bureau contact the Department and determine when disposition of the evidence in this case can be made. The evidence is described in referenced letter and is presently in custody of the U. S. Marshal, Washington, D. C. The Bureau may consider it advisable to have the Department notify the U. S. Marshal when disposition can be made of the evidence.

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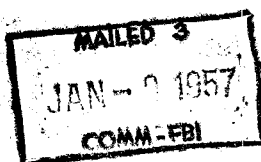
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Reurlet 12/21/56, and report of SA Leslie B. Chisholm, Jr., dated 12/21/56, in captioned matter.

You should contact AUSA Frederick G. Smithson and suggest that he take up with the Department the disposition to be made of the evidence in this case, namely the five charred crosses presently in custody of the U. S. Marshal, Washington, D. C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office WASHINGTON FIELD	Office of Origin WASHINGTON FIELD	Date 12/21/56	Investigative Period 12/12/56
TITLE OF CASE RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL VICTIMS <i>fl</i>		Report made by LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR.	Typed By: cea
		CHARACTER OF CASE ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER	

Synopsis:

AUSA FREDERICK G. SMITHSON advised 12/12/56, he declines prosecution with regard to instant case.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. SMITHSON stated a letter was being forwarded to the Department of Justice advising them of the opinion of the United States Attorney's Office and that unless contrary instructions were received, his office was closing its file in this matter.

Approved: <i>LLM</i>	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
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Inquiry was made of Mr. SMITHSON as to the disposition to be made of the evidence collected in this case some of which is presently in the custody of the United States Marshal. Mr. SMITHSON advised that the evidence cannot be disposed of at this time in view of the fact the Department of Justice may subsequently decide to take action against the subjects and use this case in showing a conspiracy. Mr. SMITHSON advised that permission to dispose of the evidence should be obtained from the Department of Justice.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being submitted to both the Baltimore and Richmond Divisions in view of their interests in this case and the White Citizens Councils.

REFERENCE

Report of SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM dated August 3, 1956, at Washington, D. C.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (89-816)

DATE: 1/24/57

FROM : ^{112M} SAC, WFO (89-42)SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL.;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL-VICTIMS
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

Rebulet 1/9/57.

AUSA FREDERICK G. SMITHSON confidentially advised SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM on 1/21/57 as follows:

He participated in a discussion of the facts of this case with the then Acting Attorney General WARREN OLNEY III in August, 1956. Mr. OLNEY at that time stated he would advise the USA, Washington, D. C., whether or not any further action should be taken in this jurisdiction but that as of that time it appeared there would be no federal prosecution. The matter was left that should Mr. OLNEY's opinion be reversed the USA's Office would be so informed.

Mr. SMITHSON advised the USA's Office took it upon itself to render a final prosecutive opinion insofar as this jurisdiction was concerned; however, he pointed out that the Department might desire at some future date to take some form of action, possibly charging the subjects with a conspiracy; therefore, he suggested the Department be consulted as to the disposition to be made of the evidence. SMITHSON stated the Department was advised of the position taken by the USA's Office, Washington, D. C., and nothing further has been heard from them.

SMITHSON stated he does not desire to further communicate with the Department concerning this matter inasmuch as he considers the matter closed insofar as his office is concerned. It is pointed out for the information of the Bureau that Mr. SMITHSON is highly cooperative with the Bureau, but appears not to desire to pursue this matter further.

It is suggested the Bureau direct a letter to the Department referring to the USA's opinion, set forth in the report of SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, Washington, D. C., dated 12/21/56, and point out that insofar as the Bureau is concerned the matter is closed; further that it be pointed out that certain evidence obtained in this case, namely the charred crosses, are in possession of the U. S. Marshal, Washington, D. C., and

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that the Department advise the U. S. Marshal when disposition can be made of these crosses. If this course of action is taken, the WFO can then advise the U. S. Marshal and the Bureau will be relieved of the responsibility in this matter.

Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

January 31, 1957

Director, FBI

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RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL.;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL. - VICTIMS
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Leslie B. Chisholm, Jr., dated December 21, 1956, in captioned matter, a copy of which was previously furnished to you.

Instant report reflects that Assistant United States Attorney Frederick G. Smithson has declined to decline prosecution with regard to the subjects of this investigation. In view of Mr. Smithson's decision, no further investigation is being conducted by this Bureau.

It would be appreciated if you would advise the United States Marshal, Washington, D. C., when disposition may be made of the evidence obtained in this matter, namely, the five charred crosses, which are presently in the custody of the United States Marshal, Washington, D. C.

CC: 1 - Washington Field

NOTE SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD: Advise the United States Marshal's Office that the Department has been requested to advise them when disposition may be made of the evidence in this case.

NOTE: Assistant United States Attorney Smithson, who is highly cooperative with the Bureau, advised on January 21, 1957, that, while he took it upon himself to render a final prosecutive opinion in captioned case, he felt the Department at some future date might desire to charge the subjects with a conspiracy (in connection with their activities as members of the White Citizens Council). Mr. Smithson therefore suggested that the Department be consulted as to the disposition of the evidence, namely, the five charred crosses. Washington Field suggests that since Mr. Smithson considers the matter closed and is not himself desirous of pursuing with the Department the matter of the disposition of the evidence that the Bureau direct a letter to the Department requesting them to advise the United States Marshal, Washington, D. C., as to when disposition may be made of the evidence, thus relieving the Bureau of the responsibility in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON FIELD

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TITLE RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY ET AL CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN ET AL VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject JOHNSTON, Mr. and Mrs. ALEX J. HANNA, EDWARD L. STROHECKER interviewed with negative results except that STROHECKER advises that subject ROWLEY had admitted to him that he had participated in the burning of the crosses. ERNEST CUNNINGHAM and OLLIE LINWOOD BELL identified as persons attending meeting night of 7/13/56. Both state they have no information concerning burning of crosses. Neighborhood investigation in the areas of 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., 3018 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., and at American Legion Hall where meeting 7/13/56 held, conducted with negative results. Subject ROWLEY furnished detailed statement concerning his participation. Subject PIERCE (FNU) member of the Maryland Petition Committee involved in burning of cross at Beltsville, Maryland. - P - <u>ADDITIONAL COPIES</u> 1 - Baltimore (Info) 1 - Richmond (Info) <i>1 copy returned to [unclear] 7/23/56</i> <i>9 memo Piers to [unclear] 7/23/56</i> <i>memo to AG 7/23/56</i> <i>cc to AG, Piers + [unclear] 7/23/56</i> <i>100 auto 7/23/56</i>			
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Protective Individuals Rights Association. There was also a couple of women who were friends of Mrs. MUSE. In all, there were about 12 people there, but I cannot now remember whether they were men or women, nor can I describe them.

Mrs. MUSE was also at the Annapolis Hotel meeting and was also at one or both of the July 6 and July 13, 1958, meetings at the American Legion Hall. I would describe her as being in her 40s, with dark hair becoming a little gray. She weighs 140 pounds, is 5 feet 5 inches tall, and is a little plump. She also wears glasses. Mrs. MUSE lives in southeast Washington. She has a round face and I would say a friendly disposition.

I have been shown pictures of John David Lee and John H. Pearce and identified them as pictures of the men whom I have referred to in this statement as Lee and Mr. Pierce.

I have read the above statement consisting of thirty-seven (37) pages and to the best of my recollection and belief, it is true and correct.

(Signed) Ronald E. Rowley

Witnesses: Leo I. Prosise, Special Agent, F.B.I. 7/21/56
Richard B. Lavin, F.B.I. 7/21/56

INTERVIEW WITH ALEX JAMES HANNA

On July 19, 1956, ALEX JAMES HANNA was interviewed by SAs RICHARD B. LAVIN and LAURENCE E. DANBUM, at his place of employment near Riggs Road and University Lane, Hyattsville, Maryland.

HANNA remarked that he had no further comment to make to the FBI unless we had a warrant and he would accompany the agents to the court house. He commented, however, that JOHN KASPER had called him last night and KASPER had indicated to HANNA that he, KASPER, might go to the FBI since he had been told that the FBI wanted to talk to him.

HANNA voluntarily offered a description of KASPER as follows:

Height: 6' 2" to 4"
Weight: 190 pounds
Hair: Dark
Age: Approximately 26 years.

HANNA also stated that he believed that KASPER could be staying at the bookstore.

When asked about information regarding a red truck parked in front of his trailer, HANNA stated that it is owned by the DUPRE HENDERSONS who are friends of his wife. He stated that HENDERSON went to Sumter, South Carolina Friday night, July 13, 1956, to move his wife (HENDERSON's) back there. He stated he does not know where HENDERSON is living or working but added he is not living with him.

HANNA said that he would not answer any additional questions and desired to discuss the interviews with his wife, who he said also had been interviewed by the FBI.

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REINTERVIEW WITH MRS. ALEX JAMES (LAWANDA BRYAN) HANNA

Mrs. ALEX HANNA was reinterviewed on July 19, 1956, outside her residence, which is a trailer on Lot 145, Temple Trailer Park, Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Virginia, by SAs W. WILLIS FISHER and JAMES F. DURKIN, JR. It was pointed out to Mrs. HANNA that the information furnished by her on a previous interview was in conflict with that furnished by her husband on an interview with him by Agents of this office. She immediately stated that she refused to discuss this incident further and that she felt it was their own personal business as to what she and her husband did on their anniversary of July 13, 1956. She further advised that prior to Agents arrival she had received a telephone call from her husband at work, at which time he instructed her not to answer any further questions or to discuss this incident any further with anyone. He further told her, she stated, that he would talk with her when he got home from work that date about what further action they would take.

Prior to this interview with Mrs. HANNA on this date, there was no response to a knock on the trailer door in which she resided. There was observed in the driveway adjacent to her trailer, a red, late-model, one-half ton, International pickup truck. On the other side of this truck in the next trailer a woman was observed in the doorway. Agents, without identifying themselves, asked this neighbor lady if Mr. HANNA owned the red truck. She stated that the truck belonged to a man who worked with Mr. HANNA and did not belong to the HANNAs. She advised that she had seen Mrs. HANNA leave the trailer shortly prior to this contact with another woman but she did not know how long she would be gone.

Later in the day when Agents conducted the above recorded interview with Mrs. HANNA, she was asked who owned the red pickup truck. She called inside the trailer to "Mrs. DUPREE."

A woman then came out of the trailer and when Agents identified themselves to her, she appeared quite frightened and declined to furnish any information, not even her identity. She stated that she saw no reason why she had to answer any questions whatsoever. When it was pointed out to her that Agents were interested in knowing the whereabouts of the red pickup truck on the night of Friday the thirteenth, 1956, she immediately stated that her husband had driven it

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down to Sumter, South Carolina, shortly before dark on Friday evening July 13, 1956, had picked her up at their home in Sumter the next morning, and that they had both driven back in the pickup truck to Alexandria, Virginia, arriving at the latter location late Saturday night July 14, 1956, or on early Sunday morning July 15, 1956. After this recitation she refused to furnish any more information.

The red pickup truck was observed to bear 1956 Georgia license tags AP 15987.

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INTERVIEW WITH EDWARD L. STROHECKER

On July 19, 1956, EDWARD L. STROHECKER was interviewed by SAs BERNARD E. BUSCHER and CHARLES M. BEALL, JR. STROHECKER advised that he is presently residing at 1116 Portner Road, Alexandria, Virginia, telephone number KING 88954. STROHECKER further advised that he is presently working for a business engineering company with main office in New York. It is his job to solicit business houses in the Washington area and attempt to sell them a **survey** of their business in an effort to improve business. STROHECKER was advised that any questions relative to the WCC would be in line to attempt to determine persons responsible for the burning crosses incident. It was impressed upon STROHECKER that the WCC was in no way under investigation as an organization. STROHECKER related the following:

He stated that he has been in the past and still is interested in the various movements to protect the rights of the white people. STROHECKER further stated that he, however, is in no way interested in any organizations that do not conduct themselves in a legal, orderly fashion. He stated approximately five or six **weeks** ago he had telephonically contacted KASPER and made arrangements to talk to KASPER regarding the "situation in Alabama." STROHECKER continued that on the same evening KASPER came to his house and, in fact, talked to the early hours of the morning. At this meeting KASPER discussed the WCC and, in fact, asked STROHECKER to organize a chapter in Alexandria, Virginia. STROHECKER advised that he was not at all impressed by KASPER or the handling of the WCC by KASPER and declined to become associated with this organization. STROHECKER advised that he has, on several occasions, visited the bookshop operated by KASPER on Wisconsin Avenue, however; these visits have been merely "to look for books" and not to contact KASPER. STROHECKER was questioned as to his possible attendance at any meeting of the WCC. STROHECKER stated that he had heard about the meeting at the Annapolis Hotel, however, had not heard of any other meetings of the WCC. He denied having attended any meetings of that organization and specifically the meeting on July 13 at the American Legion Hall in Congress Heights. It was pointed out to STROHECKER that he had been possibly identified as being at the July 13 meeting and STROHECKER emphatically denied this, stating that he had, in fact, attended a movie that night with his wife.

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When questioned relative to his possible acquaintance-ship with ROWLEY, STROHECKER advised that he had talked to ROWLEY on either the night of Saturday, July 14 or Sunday, July 15. He explained that he had visited a friend of his, one ROBERT M. SMALL, 1304 South Thomas Street, Arlington, Virginia, proprietor of a building supply company located at Mill Road and Roberts Lane, Alexandria, Virginia. At this residence STROHECKER stated he met ROWLEY and another individual upon his arrival. At this point STROHECKER was shown a picture of ROWLEY and he immediately identified the picture as being that of the person at SMALL's home. Relative to the individual with ROWLEY, STROHECKER did not know his name but described him as approximately 35 to 40 years having red, close-cropped hair, an employee of the Potomac Electric Power Company, residing in a trailer camp, Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Virginia. STROHECKER continued that ROWLEY described, but not in detail, the burning of the crosses and his subsequent arrest. STROHECKER was questioned as to ROWLEY's story and he advised that ROWLEY did not use names and described the people as "Person A, and Person B, et cetera." STROHECKER explained that the windows of the SMALL residence were open and they were of the opinion some people were trying to hear the conversation. STROHECKER could furnish no further information of the burnings from ROWLEY's description.

STROHECKER stated that he would cooperate with the FBI and in the event any information came into his possession regarding instant cross burnings, he would immediately contact the FBI.

During a subsequent interview of FLOYD FLEMING, who admittedly attended the July 6 and 13 meetings, FLEMING stated definitely that STROHECKER was not present at either meeting. FLEMING is acquainted with STROHECKER.

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INTERVIEW WITH ERNEST R. CUNNINGHAM
(Conducted July 20, 1956)

Pursuant to efforts to locate an ERNEST CUNNINGHAM, mentioned by both ROWLEY and JOHNSTON as being present at the July 13, 1956, meeting of the WCC, one ERNEST R. CUNNINGHAM was located at the Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C. Mr. CUNNINGHAM advised SAs CHARLES M. BEALL, JR., and LAURENCE E. DANBOM that he is a planner and estimator at the Naval Gun Factory and resides at 1821 18th Street, S. E. Mr. CUNNINGHAM further stated that he was present at the WCC meeting of July 13, 1956, at the American Legion Hall in Congress Heights, Maryland.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM further related that this was the only meeting of the WCC he had ever attended, however, he had known JOHNSTON in regard to other organizations. Mr. CUNNINGHAM stated that JOHNSTON, in fact, had asked him to be Secretary-Treasurer of the local WCC and he had refused this position, however, had consented to act as Secretary-Treasurer at the July 13 meeting. He advised that the meeting began approximately 8:40 P.M., and lasted until approximately 10:45 or 11:00 P.M., the same evening.

CUNNINGHAM advised that he had taken minutes of the meeting and also passed a pad around for the attending members to sign, however, at the conclusion of the meeting, he had turned this over to JOHNSTON. CUNNINGHAM further stated there were approximately seventeen or eighteen members present. However, he stated the only ones he knew were JOHNSTON, KASPER, Mr. and Mrs. HOCKETT, and a Mr. O. L. BELL, employed at the Naval Gun Factory.

CUNNINGHAM furnished a description of Mr. and Mrs. HOCKETT, which generally fits their true description. Mr. CUNNINGHAM further stated that at the conclusion of the meeting, for approximately ten or fifteen minutes, he aided JOHNSTON in putting out the lights and otherwise closing up the hall. He also stated that when he left the hall, the only ones remaining were JOHNSTON, KASPER, a man he believes to be named FLEMING, and possibly one other individual he cannot in any way identify.

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CUNNINGHAM stated that after his duties had been performed, he immediately proceeded to his automobile parked in the vicinity and proceeded home. He further informed that he saw absolutely no activity around the hall and when questioned specifically regarding a red pickup truck, was most definite in his answer that he had never seen one in the neighborhood. CUNNINGHAM further stated that he believed that it was necessary for JOHNSTON to advise the real estate office in the near vicinity, which handled the hall rental, of the fact that the meeting had been concluded in order that they might lock the door.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM was asked the specific question whether or not at any time during the meeting of the WCC he had attended, he had heard the question of burning crosses either discussed or planned. Mr. CUNNINGHAM answered in the negative. Mr. CUNNINGHAM stated that he did not, in fact, know of the burning of the crosses until the resulting newspaper publications, and had not been contacted by any members of the WCC since the July 13 instance. Mr. CUNNINGHAM volunteered the information that he is not sympathetic with the cross burning and does not believe that any illegal activities should be conducted by any group or organization.

INTERVIEW WITH OLLIE LINWOOD BELL

(Conducted July 20, 1956)

This interview was conducted on the basis of information furnished by ERNEST CUNNINGHAM that BELL was in fact present at the July 13, 1956, meeting of the WCC. Mr. BELL was interviewed by SAs CHARLES M. BEALL, JR., and LAURENCE E. DANBOM at the Naval Gun Factory.

BELL stated that he is employed at the Naval Gun Factory as an engineer and resides at 1301 U Street, S. E., Telephone LUDlow 4-5382. BELL stated that he arrived at the WCC meeting on July 13, 1956, approximately ten or fifteen minutes after it had started and stayed only about twenty minutes. He continued that KASPER was making a talk at his arrival, and when he left KASPER still had the floor.

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BELL further stated that he had been interested in the past in movements for protection of the white race, however, had not been at all militant in any organizations.

In response to a specific question, Mr. BELL stated that he had never heard the burning of crosses or any plans to burn crosses discussed at any WCC meeting and, in fact, the July 13 meeting was the only one he had ever attended.

BELL advised that there were no unusual activities in the neighborhood of the hall while he was there and, in fact, he had parked his car with the lights on in front of a drug store across the street from the hall, as he had not intended to stay any length of time. Mr. BELL stated the only thing he knew of the burning was the publicity it had received in the newspaper and he had not been contacted by any members of the WCC since the July 13 meeting.

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INVESTIGATION VICINITY 4545
CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
LEO I. PROSISE and WILLIAM C. CARROLL on July 19, 1956:

Mrs. EVA BENNETT, Resident Manager, Brandywine Apartments, 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., was recontacted on July 19, 1956, but could furnish no further information concerning the fire that had taken place on the front lawn of the Brandywine Apartments.

Mr. EARL WRIGHT, Porter, Brandywine Apartments, was contacted for information concerning the fire and advised that he had worked from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on July 13, 1956, and was not in a position to observe any activity. Mr. WRIGHT advised that he had been on duty the following day and everyday since the fire but had not overheard any conversation concerning the incident.

Miss NETTIE ABERNETHY, Apartment 511, Brandywine Apartments, advised that she lives alone in her apartment and had been home all evening watching TV on July 13, 1956. She advised that she had probably retired sometime between 11:00 p.m. and midnight, and inasmuch as she always keeps her venetian blinds down, she was not in a position to observe any activity going on outside of the apartment. Mrs. ABERNETHY advised that she had not been made aware of the fire incident until the Agents mentioned it to her on July 19, 1956. Mrs. ABERNETHY could furnish no information concerning any automobiles or trucks in the vicinity of the Brandywine Apartments on July 13, 1956.

Mr. ISADOR S. FELD, Apartment 911, Brandywine Apartments, advised that he had been at the Carter Barron Theater until approximately 12:30 a.m. on July 14, 1956, and had arrived at the Brandywine Apartments approximately 1:00 a.m. He advised that he had parked his car in the parking garage underneath the building and had gone to the lobby but had noticed nothing unusual. He advised that he had been in the lobby right around 1:00 a.m., and that the only person that he had observed was the night man and that this individual had not said anything to him about the fire incident. Mr. FELD could furnish no information concerning trucks or automobiles in the vicinity of the apartment.

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Mrs. ELEANOR KEISER, Telephone Operator and occupant of Apartment 209, in the Frontenac Apartments, 4550 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., was recontacted but could furnish no information concerning the fire incident and advised that she had not observed any unusual vehicles in the vicinity of the Brandywine Apartments on July 13, 1956.

Mrs. THYRZA EVANS, Telephone Operator and Desk Clerk at the Brandywine Apartments, advised that she had worked from 3:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 13, 1956, but had left very shortly after 11:00 p.m. to go to her home at 1808 Irving Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. She advised that she had observed nothing unusual happening in the vicinity of the Brandywine Apartments and had received no inquiries by the tenants of the Brandywine since the fire incident. Mrs. EVANS could furnish no information concerning automobiles or trucks in the vicinity of the Brandywine Apartments.

INVESTIGATION IN THE VICINITY
OF 3018 DUMBARTON AVENUE, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs LEO I. PROSISE and WILLIAM C. CARROLL on July 19, 1956, in the vicinity of 3018 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W.:

Miss NANCY PYFER, 2921 Dumbarton Avenue, was recontacted on July 19, 1956, but could furnish no information concerning the burning of the cross at the residence of Supreme Court Justice FELIX FRANKFURTER. Miss PYFER advised that neither she nor her fiancé, RICHARD L. CLEVELAND of 1907 37th Street, N. W., had observed any movement of vehicles in the vicinity of 30th and Dumbarton Avenue, at the time of the fire incident.

Mr. NICHOLAS LEPAK, 3015 Dumbarton Avenue, was recontacted but could furnish no information concerning the fire incident.

Mr. HIPOLITO PAZ, 3015 Dumbarton Avenue, was contacted concerning the fire incident and advised that he was out of town from approximately 6:00 p.m. on July 13, 1956, until Sunday evening, July 15, 1956.

Mrs. BETHEL WOOLARD, Apartment A-3, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, was contacted but could furnish no information concerning the fire incident. She advised that she had gone to sleep approximately 12:15 a.m. on the night of the fire incident and had been awakened by some noise around 1:00 a.m., July 14, 1956. She advised that she had then looked out the window and noticed a crowd had gathered in the front of 3018 Dumbarton Avenue. Mrs. WOOLARD advised that she could furnish no further information concerning any activity that had gone on prior to or after the fire.

Mr. EDGAR THOMAS WOOLARD, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, was contacted at the Bureau of Standards where he is employed and advised that he had been watching TV on the night of July 13, 1956, and that sometime between 12:50 and 1:00 a.m., he had smelled smoke and had gone to the window where he saw some flames. Mr. WOOLARD advised that he had watched the flames for awhile and had then gone downstairs and out into the street. He advised that when he had gotten to the immediate vicinity of the flames the police were already there and that the pieces of burning material were almost extinguished. He advised that he could furnish no information concerning automobiles or trucks in the vicinity of the fire, either before or after the incident.

Mr. LYNN PETERSON, Apartment C-3, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, was contacted and advised that he had been watching TV on the evening of July 13, 1956, and that sometime around 1:00 a.m., he could not recall the exact time but did know that it was somewhere between 12:50 and 1:10 a.m., he had smelled smoke and had observed the reflection of flames outside of the apartment. He advised that he had gone to the window and had proceeded outside where he talked to the police and other persons milling around the fire. He advised that he could not recall the number of individuals that were present but that he did know that no one seemed to know how it started. Mr. PETERSON could furnish no information concerning any vehicles in the vicinity of the 3018 Dumbarton Avenue residence.

Mrs. ADRIAN FISHER, 3013 Dumbarton Avenue, advised that neither she nor her husband could furnish any information concerning the fire incident inasmuch as both she and her husband were both asleep, having retired around 11:00 p.m. and had not become aware of the fire incident until the next morning.

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Detective Sergeant J. Y. CHENNAULT, Metropolitan Police Department, advised SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR., on July 16, 1956, that T. PERRY LIPPITT, Marshal, United States Supreme Court, had advised him Justice FELIX FRANKFURTER had told LIPPITT on July 16, 1956, that the janitor at 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, N.W., had obtained the license number of the car, the occupants of which had burned the cross in front of FRANKFURTER's home.

The following investigation was conducted by Detective Sergeant J. Y. CHENNAULT, Metropolitan Police Department, and SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR., on July 16, 1956.

Mrs. E. T. WOLLARD, Resident Manager, Apartment A-3, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, advised she and her husband had been awakened by the burning of the cross at FRANKFURTER's home but did not observe it until after it had been burning for sometime. She stated she nor her husband had the opportunity of observing the parties responsible for this and that she knew of no one else who had seen the responsible parties. She stated Mr. and Mrs. JAMES D. DAWSON handle the janitorial duties at the apartment.

Mrs. ODESSA DAWSON, Basement Apartment, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, N.W., advised she and her husband handle the janitorial duties at instant apartment. She related she and her husband were at home asleep at the time the cross was burned and she has no knowledge of her husband having obtained the license number of the car.

Mr. JAMES D. DAWSON, Janitor, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, N.W., advised he was asleep at the time the cross was burned but discussed the matter with Justice FRANKFURTER's maid (name unknown) the next day. He related he told her he had heard on the radio that someone had obtained the license number of the car at the hotel but was apparently misunderstood by the maid to have said that he obtained the license number. He stated he did not see the car and did not know of any person who had seen the car.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IN VICINITY OF AMERICAN
LEGION, KENNA-MAIN POST, 3201 NICHOLAS AVENUE, S.E.

The following investigation was conducted by Detective Sergeant J. Y. CHENNAULT and SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR.:

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ROWLEY has previously advised he accompanied FRED HOCKETT and an unknown individual to the end of a dead-end street where a tower is located directly opposite the American Legion Hall where they placed kerosene on the crosses.

Neighborhood investigation in this area disclosed Fourth Street, S.E., is directly opposite the Legion Hall and comes to a complete dead end approximately one block south of Trenton Street, S.E., at the Department of the Air Force's MARS (Military Affiliate Radio Station) transmitter site. The only building located in this area is the MARS transmitter and radio tower.

Staff Sergeant HOMER G. BEDWELL, MARS transmitter site, who resides at Apartment 10, 4203 Fourth Street, S.E., advised on July 17, 1956, he was the only individual on duty at the station the night of July 13 and 14, 1956. He stated he neither saw nor heard any activity outside the radio station during the stated period.

A large stain of approximately eight feet by three feet, resembling grease or gasoline, was noted on the asphalt street in front of the station and it was believed this might possibly be the location where the crosses were treated with kerosene. Sergeant BEDWELL advised he noted the stains on the asphalt when he reported Monday, July 16, 1956, but had not seen them the prior week.

Sergeant CARL SCHNEIDER, AF 34 146 752, MARS transmitter site, advised July 18, 1956, that the stains on the asphalt were put there by him on July 14, 1956, when he changed the transmission on his car. He stated he had used gasoline and oil to clean the transmission he removed.

A serach was made of the general area surrounding the MARS transmitter on July 17, 1956, and July 18, 1956, with negative results.

Immediately adjacent to the Legion Hall is located Truck Company Number Eight and Engine Company Number Twenty-five of the D.C. Fire Department. Chief W. B. JAMES, Third Battalion Chief, D.C. Fire Department, made available on July 18, 1956, a list of all the firemen on duty the night of July 13, 14, 1956. All but one of these firemen have been contacted and the results are set forth below.

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The following firemen were contacted on July 18, 1956, and July 20, 1956. They were on duty during the pertinent period but had no observation pertinent to this investigation:

Captain C. J. CLARK.
Fireman G. E. BLAYLOCK.
Fireman J. E. FOOTE.
Fireman T. S. HESS.
Fireman J. F. MILLER.
Fireman T. B. NELLIGAN.
Fireman N. W. SIMPSON.
Fireman J. L. THUME.

Fireman T. J. LO MEDICO advised on July 18, 1956, that while on watch from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., July 14, 1956, he saw a delapidated stationwagon circling the area in front of the firehouse sometime between 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. He stated he believed he could identify this stationwagon if he saw it again.

On July 20, 1956, pictures of HOCKETT and his stationwagon together with pictures of LEE, JOHNSTON and ROWLEY were displayed to LO MEDICO. He advised he could not identify HOCKETT's stationwagon because it was his recollection the stationwagon he saw was darker in color. He also was unable to identify any of the other individuals.

Sergeant P. J. MAGLIO advised July 18, 1956, that about 10:00 p.m. July 13, 1956, he briefly observed the WCC meeting through one of the windows of the Legion Hall but was unable to hear any of the discussion which was being held in low tones. He stated to the best of his recollection there were about ten persons, including one woman and nine men, present.

Attempts were made after current photographs of LEE, HOCKETT, ROWLEY, and JOHNSTON were obtained to reinterview MAGLIO but it was determined he was off duty July 20 and 21, 1956. Attempts were made to contact him at his home on July 20, 1956, which is located at 3354 Highwood Drive, S.E., with negative results.

It was determined through Chief JAMES that the only other fireman on duty instant night was J. K. WHITE, who resides 6733 Allentown Road, S.E., and who is now on annual

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leave in West Virginia. He will not return until July 24, 1956.

INTERVIEW OF JOHN FRED HOCKETT

FRED PLANT HOCKETT during the course of this investigation indicated he had a son by the name of JOHN FRED HOCKETT and intimated JOHN might have been involved in instant matter instead of him.

JOHN FRED HOCKETT, age twenty-seven, Linesman, Potomac Electric Power Company, Benning Road, was interviewed on July 18, 1956, by Detective Sergeant J. Y. CHENNAULT and SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR. He advised FRED P. HOCKETT is his father but that he has not seen him since 1941 or 1942. He stated he (JOHN) is not a member of nor is he associated with the WCC. He stated he was at home, 405 Irving Street, Glass Manor, Maryland, with his wife, LEONTEEN W. HOCKETT, the entire evening and night of July 13, 14, 1956. He stated he does not get along with his father and that their disagreement stems from his father's mistreatment of his mother during childhood.

JOHN advised he is acquainted with JOHN LEE but that he has not discussed any matters pertaining to the WCC or cross burning with LEE.

PHOTOGRAPHING OF HOCKETT'S STATIONWAGON

On July 19, 1956, Detective Sergeant J. Y. CHENNAULT and SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM went to the alley behind HOCKETT's home at 1115 Maryland Avenue, N.E., and photographed HOCKETT's stationwagon. During the course of the photography, HOCKETT appeared on the scene and called the investigating officers "newspapermen." When HOCKETT appeared he also was photographed. Sergeant CHENNAULT and SA CHISHOLM stayed in the public alley at all times and there was no trespass on HOCKETT's premises at any time.

INVESTIGATION AT W. T. GALLIHER AND BROTHER, INC.

During the course of instant investigation it was noted that the subject HOCKETT visited GALLIHER's lumber yard. Investigation was conducted at GALLIHER's with view to determining whether the materials used in the construction of the crosses and signs may have been purchased from GALLIHER's.

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The following investigation was conducted by Detective Sergeant J. Y. CHENNAULT and SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM on July 20, 1956.

Mr. S. S. WATERS, JR., President, W. T. Galliher and Brother, Inc., Thirtyth and K Street, N.W., advised that all sales are recorded on invoices. He stated if the sale is made on credit the customer's name is written on the invoice and if it is a cash transaction only "Cash" is written on the invoice and there would be no further identifying data other than the material purchased. He stated his records reflect no information concerning HOCKETT and he does not have a credit account with his company.

A review was made of all cash sales invoices for the period July 1, 1956, to July 13, 1956. The review did not disclose any sales invoices which appeared to reflect the sale of materials of the nature used in the construction of the crosses or signs as described by the Laboratory.

Pictures of HOCKETT and his stationwagon were displayed to the following employees of GALLIHER's who handled customer sales on July 20, 1956, with negative results:

RALPH E. DOVE.
W. A. H. CHURCH.
F. W. RADUE.
H. A. CARSON.
WALTER A. SMITH.
JOHN ELIFF, JR.
CHARLES GALLIHER.

The pictures were also displayed to JOHN BUCKHOLTZ, Yardsman, who handles the filling of all yard orders with negative results.

HOWARD DAY, truck driver, who resides at 334 Eleventh Street, N.E., was displayed the pictures of HOCKETT and he stated he believes he saw HOCKETT and his stationwagon in the yard of GALLIHER's Tuesday, July 17, 1956, about 11:30 a.m. He was unable to positively identify HOCKETT or the stationwagon.

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INTERVIEW WITH RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY

On the evening of July 19, 1956, RONALD EUGENE ROWEY appeared at the Washington Field Office accompanied by his Aunt, Mrs. RUBY G. FOREST. ROWLEY was interviewed in the presence of Mrs. FOREST by SAs RICHARD B. LAVIN and LEO I. PROSISE on July 19 and 20, 1956. At this time he furnished a detailed statement consisting of the following information:

He became interested in the White Citizens Councils (WCC) by going to the Cadmus Bookshop, where he met JOHN KASPER, the organizer for the WCC in the Washington, D.C., area. He attended the meetings of the WCC at the Annapolis Hotel on June 15, 1956, and at the American Legion Hall, 3201 Nichols Avenue, S.E., on July 6 and 13, 1956. At these various meetings he met EDWARD JOHNSTON, FRED HOCKETT, JOHN DAVID LEE and other persons who are associated with the WCC.

There was no mention made at any of these meetings concerning the burning of crosses. During an intermission at the July 13, 1956, meeting, JOHN KASPER approached him in the presence of FRED HOCKETT in regard to the burning of crosses and he agreed to assist. While the meeting was still in progress, he and HOCKETT and an unknown man left the meeting and took what later turned out to be four crosses from HOCKETT's stationwagon and drenched them with kerosene. They then placed two in HOCKETT's stationwagon and two in a red truck belonging to the unknown male. After the meeting a caravan was formed consisting of four vehicles occupied by KASPER, JOHNSTON, HOCKETT, LEE, the unknown individual and himself, which proceeded first to the vicinity of 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., where two vehicles dropped off and the other two proceeded to the vicinity of the Sheraton-Park Hotel, where two crosses were ignited.

KASPER had mentioned to him on July 13, 1956, that a Mr. PIERCE (phonetic) was going to take care of another one, meaning a cross, in Maryland. PIERCE is supposedly connected with the Maryland Petition Committee.

Copies of the detailed statement of ROWLEY are enclosed.

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UNSUB; EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY RED ONE-HALF TON PICKUP TRUCK

On July 20, 1956, SAs W. WILLIS FISHER and JAMES F. DURKIN, JR., conducted an investigation at Falls Church in Fairfax County, Virginia, in an effort to locate the red, one-half ton pickup truck which reportedly was in the caravan that proceeded to the places where the crosses were burned on July 13, 1956. It will be recalled that information was furnished that the driver of this vehicle was believed to be retired from some occupation, to presently reside in Falls Church, Virginia, and to be employed as a janitor or custodian in a school in Falls Church or Fairfax County, Virginia.

Agents interviewed Chief of Police ELLOIT HOWE of the Falls Church, Virginia, Police Department, who was unable to recall a person fitting the description of the unknown subject or anyone driving a vehicle of the description, who was in any way connected with the public school system in Falls Church. At Fairfax County Court House, Fairfax, Virginia, Agents interviewed Mr. ROY DUNN in charge of transportation for the County School Board covering the entire county. He advised that there are sixty-five schools in the county and that he has no recollection of any of the custodian or maintenance employees fitting the description of the unknown subject or possessing a vehicle such as described as above.

Mr. DUNN, in Agents presence, checked with the following other officials of both Falls Church and Fairfax County, Virginia, in an effort to identify this unknown subject with negative results:

Mr. ERVIN SCHMIDT, Superintendent of School, Falls Church. Mr. HERMAN FIREBUGH, Director of Maintenance, Fairfax County. Mr. JOSEPH STARRY, Chief of Custodians, Fairfax County. Mr. JOHN McCAULEY, Superintendent of Maintenance.

Mr. DUNN advised that all of the school board and county vehicles in Fairfax County and Falls Church are painted yellow with black markings. He advised that through the above coverage he feels that if any of the maintenance or custodial employees had a personally owned one-half ton, red pickup truck that he would be identified.

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DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY,
JOHN DAVID LEE AND FRED PLANT HOCKETT TO MRS.
JOYCE M. LONG, LEROY LONG, JOHN WESLEY STONE
AND FLOYD FLEMING

Photographs of RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, taken July 14, 1956, JOHN DAVID LEE, taken July 14, 1956, and FRED PLANT HOCKETT, taken July 7, 1937, were displayed to Mrs. JOYCE M. LONG and LEROY LONG, residing 5143 Wheeler Road, S.E., and to JOHN WESLEY STONE, residing 700 Virginia Avenue, S.E., by SA WARREN L. LOVE on July 19, 1956. They denied recognizing the photographs of the above individuals or having ever seen anyone who appeared similar to the photographs.

The above photographs were also displayed to FLOYD FLEMING, residing 905 Quincy Street, N.E., by SA LOVE on July 19, 1956, and FLEMING denied recognizing the photographs of LEE or HOCKETT, or having ever seen anyone who appeared similar. Regarding the photograph of ROWLEY, FLEMING stated the photograph appeared similar to the individual who joined him, JOHN WESLEY STONE and C. T. TINCHER when they arrived at the White Citizens Council meeting of July 13, 1956, and proceeded to a nearby tavern prior to the meeting. While at the tavern and during the White Citizens Council meeting of July 13, 1956, neither the individual who appears similar to the photograph of ROWLEY or anyone else mentioned or in any way suggested the burning of crosses, according to FLEMING. FLEMING added he does not recall the individual who appears similar to the picture of ROWLEY participating in the White Citizens Council meeting of July 13, 1956. This is the only occasion FLEMING has ever seen the above individual.

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MISCELLANEOUS

By memorandum dated July 19, 1956, the FBI Laboratory advised that the handprinting appearing on the signs bearing the inscriptions, "SOBELOFF Jew," "EARLE WARREN Nigger Lover" and "HERBERT LEHMAN Jew" contained a limited number of significant identifying characteristics so that it was not determined whether or not the handprinting was prepared by one individual.

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The following is a description of the subject,
EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON:

Name	EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	September 14, 1926 Shannon, Georgia
Height	Six feet
Weight	170 to 175 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown crew cut
Social Security Number	[REDACTED]
Military Service	United States Navy September 28, 1943 to August 6, 1946 [REDACTED]
Navy Serial Number	[REDACTED]
Father	CHARLES P. JOHNSTON Number 7 Paris Drive Rome, Georgia
Mother	IRENE WALTER JOHNSTON Number 7 Paris Drive Rome Georgia
Wife	MARY CATHERINE JOHNSTON Apartment 201 1103 Bellevue Street, S. E. Washington, D. C.
Occupation	Engineer, NBC Sheraton Park Hotel
Scars and Marks	Tattoo on left arm
Automobile	1956 Pontiac, Catilina Coupe, two tone green and white, Serial Number W756S-1541

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Residence

Apartment 201
1103 Bellevue Street, S. E.
Washington, D. C.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU

Three copies of statement of RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY.

TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

One copy of statement of RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY.

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LEADS

BALTIMORE OFFICE (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is furnished to the Baltimore Office because of relevancy to investigation being conducted concerning the burning of the cross at Beltsville, Maryland.

RICHMOND OFFICE (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is furnished to the Richmond Office because of investigation conducted in Alexandria, Virginia, and Arlington and Fairfax Counties.

REFERENCE

Report of SA KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE dated 7/20/56 at Washington, D. C.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

Washington, D. C.

July 21, 1956

I, RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, make the following voluntary statement to RICHARD B. LAVIN and LEO I. PROSISE who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises or inducements have been made to me to obtain this statement. I have been advised I am not required to make a statement and that any statement I do make can be used against me in a court of law. I have also been advised of my right to consult a lawyer.

I first met JOHN KASPER at the Broyhill Auditorium on Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia, during the spring of 1956. I believe that it was in May. I met KASPER at a meeting of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties. I knew that such a meeting ^S ~~was~~ ^{WERE} taking place because I had read an advertisement in the newspapers. I was probably introduced to KASPER, but I actually ~~have~~ no recollection as to exactly how I met him. I remember that he stated he had just returned from Alabama after a one or two month visit. He stated that he had been campaigning for an Admiral CROMMELIN (ph). KASPER stated also that he ran the Cadmus Bookshop on Wisconsin Avenue. At the time of this first meeting with KASPER, no mention was made of any future meeting that I might have with him.

Sometime after this meeting, I saw an excerpt from a book entitled "Iron Curtain over America" by Colonel JOHN BEATY in the letters to the editor section of the Evening Star. I was interested in obtaining this book, so I went to the Cadmus Bookstore, 1246 Wisconsin Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., and asked for the book. This was probably sometime in May. At the time I talked to KASPER, he had the book and I bought it. I had also visited the bookstore at this time to browse around and see what KASPER's attitude was concerning Communism and integration. I wanted to find out what his ideas were to combat integration and Communism.

I made other visits to the bookstore, and I believe that it was during one of these visits that KASPER mentioned the White Citizens Councils (WCC).

KASPER stated that the program of the White Citizens Councils was to demand that politicians do something about reversing the Supreme Court decision on integration.

The next man that I met was ED JOHNSTON whom I would describe as a slow-moving, quiet-speaking man. I met him in the Cadmus Bookshop sometime, perhaps two or three weeks, before a White Citizens Councils meeting on June 15, 1956, at the Annapolis Hotel, Washington, D. C.

KASPER introduced me to JOHNSTON. At this time, I am unable to recall whether anyone else was present. I remember KASPER said JOHNSTON was from Georgia and JOHNSTON said his grandfather or great grandfather was a General JOHNSTON in the Civil War.

I recall that JOHNSTON stated he was against integration and I believe that was the reason KASPER introduced me to him. Other than the remarks about integration, it was more or less general conversation at the time. I believe that when I met JOHNSTON it was during the evening hours. I have seen JOHNSTON on approximately six occasions. I also recall that one time KASPER, JOHNSTON and myself got a "bite to eat" at Heons Restaurant at M Street and Wisconsin Avenue.

I next met Mr. FLEMING. I met him in the Cadmus Bookshop about one week after I met JOHNSTON. Actually, I am not sure whether I met JOHNSTON or FLEMING first. I recall that KASPER was present and introduced me to FLEMING. I cannot recall now if anyone else was present. FLEMING mentioned that he was opposed to both Communism and integration. I have seen him on approximately five or six occasions. I also visited Heons Restaurant with KASPER and FLEMING on one afternoon.

Another man that I met in connection with the White Citizens Councils was a FRED HOCKETT. I may have met

PRIOR TO THE ANNAPOLIS MEETING
him at the Cadmus Bookshop ¹first, but I am not sure. I
know I definitely met him at the White Citizens Councils
meeting at the Annapolis Hotel on June 15, 1956.

I have been shown photographs of FRED HOCKETT,
and I have identified them as being the FRED HOCKETT con-
cerning whom I am furnishing information. I have initialed
these photographs on the reverse side.

I have seen HOCKETT on approximately four occasions.
One of these occasions may have been at the Cadmus Bookstore.
I know I saw him at the Annapolis Hotel White Citizens
Councils meeting on June 15, 1956, and I also saw him at
meetings of the White Citizens Councils on July 6, 1956, and
July 13, 1956, at the American Legion Hall on Nichols Avenue,
S. E., Washington, D. C. After the June 15, 1956, meeting,
I drove HOCKETT home to his residence in my brother ALLAN's
car. I dropped him off near the front of his house. He
directed me to it. This house was on Maryland Avenue, N. E.,
in the 1100 block. The house was on the right-hand side of
the street as you would go out of Washington, D. C., and it
was situated about halfway in the block.

I don't remember how I actually met HOCKETT. I
believe that KASPER had mentioned HOCKETT to me. In this
connection KASPER once stated to me that he knew some man
who had 500 members in some union, whom KASPER thought it

would be possible to enroll in the White Citizens Councils. I know that I had heard the name HOCKETT someplace, but I don't know who mentioned it actually, or if the man with 500 members was identical with HOCKETT. I believe that KASPER mentioned the 500 men to me in the bookshop.

I don't recall now whether HOCKETT or someone else told me that HOCKETT was a former member of the Ku Klux Klan. I can't recall when I learned this piece of information. I do recall that HOCKETT mentioned some houses he had built around Washington, D. C., and specifically mentioned one around 13th and Newton Streets. He mentioned that this was the first house that he had built.

With regard to HOCKETT, I should mention that last evening, July 18, 1956, I visited HOCKETT at his home just to see what he had to say. I visited him sometime between 7:30 and dark. I was accompanied by my aunt, Mrs. RUBY G. FOREST, and my brother, LAURENCE DUANE ROWLEY. HOCKETT was home and his greeting was "Oh, I am not supposed to know you." I asked HOCKETT "Why," and HOCKETT stated "Because FBI men have been here to question me." I asked him how he was feeling and other small talk. I gathered the impression from his demeanor and attitude that he was unfriendly. We did not go into his home and stayed only a few minutes. While we were standing there, a woman in a bathing suit came out

of the apartment and went downstairs. I would describe this woman as being 40 years of age, approximately five feet tall, 125 to 130 pounds, with dark hair. I believe her bathing suit was a combination of red and gray. I know that it was not his wife because I had previously met his wife at the Annapolis Hotel on June 15, 1956. However, I should mention that I did not drive his wife home from the meetint that night because she left earlier. The other night when I visited HOCKETT, I noticed that his address was 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E.

Sometime in June, 1956, KASPER told me of a White Citizens Councils meeting to be held on June 15, 1956, at the Annapolis Hotel, Washington, D. C. KASPER mentioned that he had associated the Washington, D. C. Councils with "ACE" CARTER, Executive Secretary of the White Citizens Councils, which have their headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama. KASPER also informed me that he had contacted "ACE" CARTER and that CARTER was coming up to Washington for the meeting.

At this meeting I met the following individuals in addition to KASPER: ED JOHNSTON, Mr. and Mrs. HOCKETT, FLEMING, A man by the name of ATCHISON (PH), who is a doctor from Takoma Park, Maryland, ^{WAS THERE} There were also approximately five persons present whom I cannot identify, but whom I recognized as persons who had previously attended meetings of The Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties. I also met ACE CARTER and his brother.

I have been, in the past, to three or four "Defenders" meetings in the Broyhill Auditorium sometime around April or May, 1956.

At the Annapolis Hotel June 15, 1956, White Citizens Councils meeting, KASPER was the first speaker, ATCHISON was the second, and CARTER was the third and last.

KASPER stated in his speech that he was going to "force" politicians to reverse the Supreme Court decision on integration or do something else about integration to stop it. By "force," I thought him to mean organizing a vote so that politicians would have to take notice. I think he meant that a representative of Congress is supposed to be a representative of his people. KASPER stated that on one hand we have a radical driving force which is supposed to represent the Communists,

and on the other hand, up to this time, the politicians. He stated that the politicians were falling back, while the hand of Communism moves forward, driving the politicians back. What is needed, KASPER stated, is an equal but opposite force on the politicians' hand, or side, to drive back Communism. KASPER, sometime during his speech, quoted a phrase from BENJAMIN DISRAELI to the effect that "Race is the key to history."

The next speaker, ATCHISON, spoke on all kinds of subjects, for instance, race, inoculations, and Cutter polio vaccine. He was against the vaccine. He mentioned the combination of Jews and Communists. This was the first time at this Annapolis Hotel meeting that I had heard Jewish racial issues brought up, that is, as related to Communism. The Jewish question in relation to Communism had been brought up before in the Cadmus Bookshop. The feeling at the Bookshop was that Jews and Communists work together. As best as I can recall, when this subject came up at the Bookshop, KASPER, FLEMING, and Mrs. DEVEREAUX were there. It had been mentioned on a couple of occasions.

ACE CARTER was the next speaker, and spoke on the history of the white race, the Magna Carta, and patriotic Americans. Among those he mentioned was

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR. He also mentioned Civil War people, such as NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST. He mentioned FORREST's achievements, among which was one that he had been a farmer who had laid down his tools to go to war and had won numerous battles, even though outnumbered. CARTER also mentioned something about our forefathers being hard men, illustrating his point with a story of a family crossing Death Valley who killed oxen to drink their blood. I do not know what he was driving at with this story.

After the speeches, I met ACE CARTER and his brother at the Annapolis Hotel. I also spoke to KASPER and criticized ATCHISON's speech to him. KASPER agreed with me. After the meeting I drove FRED HOCKETT home and then went back to Mrs. DEVEREAUX's apartment. The meeting at the Annapolis ended at 11:15 or 11:30 p.m. I reached Mrs. DEVEREAUX's apartment about 1:00 a.m. on June 16, 1956.

Two other men who had come to Washington, D. C., from Birmingham, Alabama, with ACE CARTER drove over to HOCKETT's home with me and returned with me to Mrs. DEVEREAUX's. I went in and there were approximately ten people, all males, in the apartment. Mrs. DEVEREAUX was not there. A man by the name of HANNA was there and

this is the first time that I met him. KASPER was there and ACE CARTER, FLEMING, CARTER's brother, and the remaining four men were from Birmingham.

ACE CARTER, his brother, and the other four men from Birmingham were staying at the DEVEREAUX apartment. I believe she was staying someplace else. Mrs. DEVEREAUX's apartment is on Olive Street in Georgetown. The men in the apartment were talking about a boycott and a steel strike. Someone mentioned that 25,000 workmen were being kept out of work by a handful of pickets who were being paid by the company anyway.

Some time after being at the DEVEREAUX apartment, two cars went up to the vicinity of 14th and U Streets N.W. to take photographs. I took my car and the two men who had gone with me to take HOCKETT home. CARTER, CARTER's brother, and KASPER, plus two or three others, went in another car. I believe that the camera was in CARTER's car. Both cars stopped at a gas station in the vicinity of the intersections of Ninth Street, Florida Avenue, Sherman Avenue, and U Street. This gas station was on the east side of the street near a corner. I remember that CARTER's car, or rather, the other car, which was a 1951 four door, two tone, green Mercury, backed into me and knocked out my parking light. I was driving my brother, ALLAN's, car.

After stopping at the gas station for a soft drink, we drove to the vicinity of 14th and U Streets, where the other car stopped and parked opposite the Fidelity Storage Company. The men in the other car went into a Donut Shop and the two men who were with me stayed with me in my car. I took them back to Mrs. DEVEREAUX's, dropped them off, and then went to my own home.

I can furnish the following description for the two men who were in my car: One was five feet, seven inches, 160 pounds, 25 years old, blond hair, and blue eyes. The other was five feet, nine inches, 150 pounds, 25 years of age, with reddish hair and blue eyes. He also wore glasses. In the other car there were the two CARTER brothers and, I believe, two other men besides KASPER. One of the men was six feet, 190 pounds, 26 years old, with dark, curly hair. It was mentioned that he was enrolled in an interracial committee to see what was happening in the committee. The other man who was with the CARTER brothers I cannot remember.

HANNA and FLEMING did not go with us to 14th and U Streets. I believe that they left Mrs. DEVEREAUX's apartment, but I do not remember when they did leave.

The following day, June 16, 1956, we were to have had a meeting at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall

at 19th and Uhle Streets, Arlington, Virginia. This was to have been a public meeting. I made the arrangements to have this meeting there with a Mr. MUSSELMAN (PH) on June 14, 1956. Mr. MUSSELMAN, who was in charge of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, called my brother, LAURENCE, and stated that his wife had received harassing phone calls about renting the Hall, people wanting to know when they could rent it, and, due to these phone calls, MUSSELMAN's wife became nervous. MUSSELMAN cancelled this meeting.

The general public was supposed to know about this meeting because of advertisements appearing on a piece of paper which had on one side the expression "See, hear ACE CARTER." Underneath this was the address of the Hall and some other statement. On the reverse side of this writing there was a picture of three Negroes and white women. One or two of the Negroes and the white women were kissing. KASPER gave these advertisements to me on that night, June 14, 1956. I came into the Cadmus Bookshop to pick up these advertisements.

KASPER mentioned to me, and I am not too sure about this, that the picture on the advertisement was taken at Fort McClellan, Alabama. KASPER mentioned that he had had these advertisements printed someplace on

Pennsylvania Avenue and 18th Street N.W., near Gawler's Funeral Home. The place was supposedly on the same side of the street as Gawler's.

The address of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall was typed in on these advertisements, but the rest of the announcement was printed. I handed one of these papers to some people who were in a car in Clarendon, Virginia. A man in a Mobilgas Station at Greenbrier Street and Wilson Boulevard, North Arlington, stated that he wanted some of these advertisements. I gave him about two dozen. *ALL TOGETHER I GAVE OUT ABOUT FIFTY SHEETS.*

As best I can estimate, KASPER gave me about a two or three inch stack of these advertisements. Those that I did not give out I threw in the trash. Most of these advertisements were not actually for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, but were for the Annapolis Hotel meeting on June 15, 1956.

I believe that CARTER and his group left on Saturday, June 16, 1956, to return to Birmingham, Alabama.

After the June 15, 1956, Annapolis Hotel meeting, I probably dropped over to the Cadmus Bookshop on other occasions and then subsequently KASPER called me on July 5, 1956, about a meeting to be held July 6, 1956, at the American Legion Hall on Nichols Avenue S.E., next to a fire hall.

KASPER requested me to come to this meeting. I believe that it was during this phone call that he mentioned he had been to La Plata, Maryland, trying to organize a White Citizens Council. He may have mentioned names, but at the present time I cannot recall any. He stated that he had to go back to La Plata to see some man who hadn't been in town when he visited there. KASPER mentioned that he had been talking to some man who owned a farm machinery equipment business, who had referred him to the man who wasn't in town. I believe KASPER stated that HOCKETT had gone with him on this trip. KASPER stated that at La Plata he had also spoken to a barber in a barber shop who had referred him to the farm machinery man. I know that this trip was made sometime after the Annapolis Hotel meeting. I do not know how they went to La Plata. I never saw JOHN KASPER in a car, but he stated that he has one. I couldn't figure this out, because he wasn't doing too well in his business. He claimed that he was being "boycotted." He didn't mention by whom he was being boycotted.

I went to the July 8, 1956, meeting of the White Citizens Councils in my brother, ALLAN's, car. This meeting was held at the American Legion Hall on Nichols Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C. I arrived there at approximately 8:30, before the meeting commenced. At the time that I arrived, there were approximately eight or ten persons present. At the time that I arrived, ED JOHNSTON, JOHN KASPER, and a man whom I later ascertained drove a red truck, were already there. I will explain later in this statement about this man in the red truck. I am not sure, but I believe that FRED HOCKETT was also there. Mr. HANNA was there.

The red truck that I later saw on July 13, 1956, had board slats on the bed of the truck. These boards were about two inches wide and they were separated by about an inch. Impressed on the tail gate of the red truck was the name of the manufacturer, but I cannot recall that name now. I remember that the tail gate chains had some sort of a covering on them, perhaps rubber, and I believe that the truck came so equipped. I do not believe that the coverings of the tail gate chains were homemade. This truck also had spots all over it as if it had been dusty and then rain had fallen on it.

I believe that JOHN DAVID LEE was also at the July 9, 1955, meeting, but I am not sure. There was an elderly red-haired woman at this meeting whom I would describe as being 50 years old, 5 feet 5 inches, wearing glasses which had clear plastic rims. She was also a little heavy. This woman was wearing a beige colored dress at the meeting and, as far as I remember, she sat by herself. I recall that I spoke to this woman during the evening, and she mentioned something about "Look" magazine and an article I ought to read. I do not recall the name of the article. I do not recall if she spoke to anyone else. I believe that she may have spoken to JOHN KASPER.

KASPER spoke at this meeting and stated that he was going to file something with the State Legislature in Virginia and also in the District of Columbia, something about voting requirements. KASPER also mentioned pictures he had taken at Harry's Tavern, which is opposite the Greyhound Bus Station in Washington, D. C. KASPER stated that this place was integrated, had a vulgar floor show, Negroes accompanied by white people, Negro waitresses and entertainers, and a white busboy. He mentioned that beer was left on the tables after closing time and that he was going to do something about this place. He also mentioned something about prostitution in connection with this tavern.

I believe he mentioned that either he or someone else had been approached on the subject of prostitution. I have the recollection that KASPER mentioned that someone else was with him at the tavern.

ED JOHNSTON also spoke at this meeting, but all that he did was to introduce KASPER. Before the meeting ended, JOHNSTON stated that there would be another meeting the following week, but he did not know the exact date. In this connection, JOHNSTON ^{WAS PASSED} passed a yellow tablet around and everyone put his or her name and phone number upon it. Someone was to be appointed to call these people. I believe that the red-haired woman, mentioned above, finally had possession of the tablet and kept it.

The following week on July 13, 1938, there was another meeting of this White Citizens Councils at the same American Legion Hall, and at this time, the same yellow tablet was in possession of a man by the name of CUNNINGHAM (ph). I know this was the same yellow tablet because my name and phone number were still written upon it. I saw CUNNINGHAM taking notes on this tablet during the meeting. It was passed around again and everyone again signed it. The red-haired woman was not at this meeting. I do not know if she was Mrs. CUNNINGHAM, because she looked quite a bit older than CUNNINGHAM.

I would describe CUMMINGS as follows: 6 feet 2 inches, 38 years old, 200 pounds, dark curly hair, and having a heavy tan. I believe that he may have had a moustache, but I am not sure.

Going back to the July 6, 1956, White Citizens Councils meeting, the man whom I described as the man in the red truck stood up and stated that he had been talking to some woman about the White Citizens Councils, and she asked if it were subversive. He stated that he told her to pick up the phone and "We will find out right now." He mentioned that he and the woman were about to call the FBI or some other organization. I gathered from the man's talk that the woman actually made a call. I do not know who they called, and I cannot recollect now whether he said that the person called did not state over the phone whether the White Citizens Councils was subversive, referred him to the Attorney General's Office, or stated that it was not subversive. The impression that I gained was that the man in the red truck and the woman had found out that the white Citizens Councils was not subversive.

In connection with the above, prior to this meeting Mrs. DEVEREAUX, whom I have previously mentioned and who works at the Cadmus Book Shop with JOHN KASPER, as well as

JOHN KASPER, have mentioned many times at the book shop that it is all right for Government employees to belong to the White Citizens Councils.

I recall that FRED HOCKETT stood up at the July 6, 1956, meeting and stated that he had moved away from Washington, D. C., six years ago to go to Florida in order to get away from living around Negroes. HOCKETT stated that he stayed for five years to escape integration. HOCKETT commented that after staying five years he found out that he could not escape integration, even in Florida. Actually what HOCKETT said amounted to the fact that you cannot escape integration; you just have to face it. The impression I received from his speech was that he wanted to halt integration.

Another man at the July 6, 1956, meeting was a Sergeant GLATZ who was not in his Army uniform. I knew him to be an Army Sergeant because I had seen him previously on one occasion in the Cadmus Book Shop before the Annapolis Hotel meeting. He also spoke at the July 6, 1956, meeting and mentioned the Communist Party. GLATZ stated that we should not get the misconception that the Communist Party was a political party. As far as I can recall, he only spoke about Communism. GLATZ told me that he was stationed

at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. I recall that, when I saw him wearing his uniform, on both shoulder loops he had a green band about one inch wide as well as two small metal shields. He mentioned that he had been overseas in Europe and Africa for a period of ten years and that he could speak three, four, or five different languages. He also mentioned that he had been, or was, in counter-intelligence work. I would describe him as being five feet nine inches, 150 pounds, black or brown hair, straight, parted on the left. He was approximately 35 years old, of medium complexion, and he mentioned that his parents live in Pennsylvania. GLATZ mentioned that he was trying to get stationed here in Washington, D. C.

I also said something at this meeting. I asked JOHN KASPER what his plans were about organizing. I also asked him about taking road trips and if he was going to take any and make speeches. KASPER stated that it was a good idea but he could not do it just yet.

After the July 6, 1955, meeting, GLATZ and I went to the Bavarian Restaurant on 11th and H Streets, N. W., opposite the Gas Company. I believe that we arrived there at about 12:00 p.m. and ^I stayed for one-half an hour. Then I left GLATZ and went home. KASPER was supposed to join us there, but he did not while I was there.

I had no contact with anyone connected with the White Citizens Councils again until KASPER called me the following week and told me the next meeting would be on July 13, 1956, at the same place.

On July 13, 1956, at approximately 8 o'clock, I arrived at the American Legion Hall on Nichols Avenue in my brother, ALLAN's, car. This car is a 1955 yellow and black Ford Victoria carrying Virginia License Number 306-529. It is registered to my brother, ALLAN LORING ROWLEY, 605 N. Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia.

I entered the American Legion Hall and met KASPER and ED JOHNSTON, and they introduced me to a man whom I would describe as being six feet, approximately 170 pounds, in his middle 30's, light brown hair. He was wearing a brown coat and a brown pair of pants, but the coat was a darker shade than the pants.

The next man I saw was FLEMING, and he introduced me to a man by the name of STONE or SLOAN, whom I would describe as being in his 30's, 6 feet 6 inches, 190 pounds, a full head of graying hair, wearing horn-rimmed glasses, and chubby. I believe that this man worked with FLEMING.

Four of us, FLEMING, STONE or SLOAN, the six-foot man, and I went to the Normandy Grill on Nichols Avenue

about a block or two away from the American Legion Hall toward downtown Washington, D. C. I recall that the six-foot man and I bought a bottle of beer. FLEMING had two draft beers, and STONE or SLOAN had one draft beer. While drinking, we just had general conversation.

After the beer, we went back to the American Legion Hall where the meeting, I believe, was already in progress. KASPER spoke, and gave the usual talk that he had given previously. He mentioned Harry's Tavern again and the proposals to the State Legislature. Nothing was different in this speech that I can recall. No mention was made by KASPER during his speech of cross burning or anything else that was to happen that night.

We took a break in the meeting at approximately 9 o'clock, and I recall that HOCKETT and KASPER were standing back by the soft drink machine in the rear of the hall. HOCKETT motioned for me to come over to join them and I did. The following conversation took place in the following words as best as I can recall:

KASPER stated to me, "Do you want some action tonight?" I asked him "What is the action to be?" KASPER stated "You will have to answer 'yes' or 'no' before I tell you." I answered "O.K., let's hear what it is."

KASPER stated, "We're going to burn some crosses tonight." I know that I have previously stated that it was HOCKETT who asked me to join in the burning of crosses, but after full recollection, I now recall that it was KASPER who actually asked me to join in the burning of crosses.

At this point, the conversation was interrupted because Mr. CUNNINGHAM, whom I have previously mentioned, came walking by. I left KASPER and HOCKETT and got a pepsi-cola. At this point also FLEMING came back and joined the group and I returned back into the main portion of the hall.

The meeting began once again. Almost immediately HOCKETT came by where I was seated, motioned to me and said, "Come on." Then HOCKETT and I left the Hall. We were joined outside the Hall by a man whom I would describe as approximately 5 feet 8 inches in his middle 40's, dark hair, partially bald. He also had a heavy tan and spoke with a slight southern accent, but not a deep southern accent. I believe he was about 180 pounds. He appeared to be a laborer, and his teeth appeared to be in good shape. At the time, he was wearing a white dress shirt, rolled a couple of times at the wrist.

HOCKETT and I went to his station wagon which was parked on Nichols Avenue on the same side of the street as the Hall on the northwest corner. At this time it was dusk. HOCKETT and I got into his station wagon a 1947 or 1948 Plymouth. I believe the color of the metal was beige and the wooden parts were in bad condition.

I have been shown photographs of a station wagon, and I have initialed them on the back to show that these photographs are of the station wagon I have just described.

In the station wagon, resting on the seats extending from the front to the rear of the vehicle, was a bundle wrapped up in what appeared to be a bedspread. This bedspread had some red and blue color in it.

HOCKETT and I drove down the street which is directly across from the American Legion Hall. This street is approximately two blocks long and ends in a dead end. There are some sort of radio towers at the end of this street. As HOCKETT and I drove down this street, I noticed a red pick-up truck, approximately a 1953 model which I have previously described in this statement. It parked about a block down from Nichols Avenue. As we approached it, this truck moved to the end of the street and again halted. HOCKETT and I

pulled up alongside of it for a moment and then HOCKETT moved his station wagon forward down a dirt road which was at the end of the street. The red truck turned around somehow and back up so that the truck and station wagon were back to back, but approximately 15 feet apart. HOCKETT had gone on to this dirt road approximately 100 feet.

HOCKETT then unwrapped the bundle in the station wagon and placed four objects about eight feet long on the ground behind the station wagon. These objects were individually wrapped with what appeared to be a sheet, and also wrapped around with some kind of white tape. At the end of these objects, there was a metal point about six or eight inches long. These metal points were tapered from about one and one-half inches in diameter to a point. Just above the metal point I could see some new wood which appeared to be 2 x 2's.

HOCKETT took a gallon glass jug of kerosene from the back of the station wagon. He then drenched the objects on the ground with kerosene. He mentioned to me that it was kerosene. I believe also that a gallon can ~~was~~ used for gasoline was also used to drench the objects.

HOCKETT placed two of the objects back in the station wagon, and the other two objects were put in the

red truck by HOCKETT, the other man, and myself. The objects in the red truck were then covered by a black covering which appeared to be a rubber floor mat torn in half, or it may have been building paper. This covering came from HOCKETT's station wagon. At this time it was almost completely dark.

We then drove back both the station wagon containing HOCKETT and myself and the red truck containing the other man to the intersection of this dead-end street and Nicols Avenue, facing into Nichols Avenue on the right-hand side. There is a small store on that corner which was open at the time. I believe that it was a grocery store. The red truck was nearer the corner.

The three of us went back into the hall and I estimate that I had been gone from the hall approximately fifteen minutes. When we returned, either KASPER or JOHNSTON was speaking. Shortly thereafter the meeting ended and the people congregated in small groups all over the hall. I remember that I washed my hands and was accompanied by HOCKETT.

The next thing that I recall is that HOCKETT and I were in the back of the hall and JOHN DAVID LEE was also with us. This was the first time that I knew that LEE was going to be a participant in the action of the evening. I do not recall exactly what was said at this time but the topic was cross burning.

The next thing that I recall was that we walked outside the hall. I do not remember if we walked out together

but outside the hall ROCKETT, LEE, JOHNSTON, KASPER and myself were standing around. I heard KASPER mention to JOHNSTON that he was going to drive off some place and call the Associated Press. I assumed that he was going to call concerning the crosses being burned.

It was either at this time, while we were outside the hall or just prior to coming out, that ROCKETT told me that LEE and I were to go to the Sheraton-Park Hotel and burn two crosses. He also mentioned that Chief Justice WARREN and Senator LEHMAN live there. He stated that he was going to drop off the crosses and LEE and I were going to ignite them.

LEE and I went to my brother ALLAN's car and proceeded to a gas station two blocks up Nichols Avenue, toward downtown Washington, and got some gas. This gas station was on the left-hand side of the street as you proceed toward downtown Washington, and I believe it was an Amoco Station. I bought \$2.00 worth of gasoline.

We drove back by the hall to join the other cars. I do not recall now when it was mentioned, but sometime during that evening, I know it was mentioned that a caravan was to be formed. I drove around behind the American Legion Hall and

returned to Nicols Avenue, facing toward downtown Washington, across the street from the hall. Shortly thereafter, ROCKETT in his station wagon, alone, and the red truck came out of the side street where they were parked and headed toward downtown Washington. I fell in behind them. At this point, KASPER was standing on Nicols Avenue across the street from the American Legion Hall.

We drove down Nicols Avenue to the 11th street bridge, crossed it, and stopped at a traffic light at 11th and M Streets, S. E., right by the Navy Yard. It was here that I saw JOHNSTON and KASPER in a car. This car was a two-tone white and brown 1955 or 1956 Pontiac or Oldsmobile. I believe that it was a two-tone sedan, and that it had a white hood. JOHNSTON was driving. JOHNSTON and KASPER drove up alongside the other three vehicles. It was here that they joined the caravan. We took some route through northeast Washington and as best as I can recall, we drove on Missouri Avenue, Military Road, Nebraska Avenue, and finally reached Connecticut Avenue, N. W.

We drove down Connecticut Avenue to a point which I estimate to be about fifteen blocks above the Sheraton-Park Hotel. The caravan at this point took a left turn down a

side street and approximately 200 feet from Connecticut Avenue, the red truck and the Pontiac or Oldsmobile pulled over. At the time that we turned off Connecticut Avenue, the station wagon was first in line, the red truck second, and the Pontiac or Oldsmobile third, and I was last. After making the turn onto the side street, I noticed that the left side of the street was an open area and on the right side was a white brick building extending for approximately 300 or 400 feet, and being eight or nine stories high. I believe that it was about 11:45 p.m.

The red truck pulled over to the left and the Pontiac or Oldsmobile pulled over to the right. I followed HOCKETT to the end of the street, took a right hand turn, another right hand turn, at the next block, and returned to Connecticut Avenue. Here we took a left hand turn and drove south on Connecticut Avenue approximately fifteen blocks to where the Sheraton-Park Hotel was located. Here we took a right hand turn and went up this street approximately 100 feet. HOCKETT double parked his station wagon and I pulled into a parking place. HOCKETT took the two objects, mentioned previously in this statement out of the station wagon and placed them over the hedge on the Sheraton-Park Hotel grounds. Then HOCKETT told me to get a bag out of the back of the station wagon.

This bag was a brown paper shopping bag approximately one foot square. I put this bag over the hedge. I did not see what it contained.

HOCKETT then stated "Put the cross up," and I stated, "Wait a minute; there are some cars ^{COMING} up the street." HOCKETT said "To heck with them," or something to that effect. LEE and I hesitated and HOCKETT said, "Am I going to have to do it myself?" He started to come over to where we were standing on the lawn. I picked up one of the objects and walked onto the lawn approximately 25 feet in front of the hedge, thrust the metal pointed object into the ground and turned the shorter bar attached to it so that it formed a cross. I tightened a wing nut so that this piece would stay in position. Then I ignited it with a match. I then jumped over the hedge and returned to my car. I did not notice what HOCKETT and LEE were doing while I was igniting the cross. I do know that I saw another cross burning about ten feet from the hedge. I did not see this cross erected or ignited, although I did hear HOCKETT say, "Light it."

I did not know that aught anything about any signs being placed on the lawn, but after reading in newspapers about signs having been placed, I assumed that they were in the paper bag.

LEE rejoined me in my car and we left. By this time, HOCKETT in his station wagon had gone. There was a car double parked behind me and it seemed to me that this car had stopped and backed up behind me. I believe the occupant took my license plate number. As best as I can recall, this car was a black Chevrolet. It was now about 12:15 a.m., Saturday morning, July 14, 1956.

LEE and I drove to Clarendon, Virginia, to a White Tower Restaurant, the only White Tower Restaurant in Clarendon that I know of, and we had a cup of coffee. It was now about 12:45 a.m. The counterman in the White Tower was ALEX. This man knows me, but always refers to me as JOHNSON. I do not believe that he knew LEE. There was no one else in the White Tower at this time. After we left the White Tower, we went to my house and changed cars. I took my brother LAURENCE's car and returned to the vicinity of the American Legion Hall on Nicols Avenue, S. E. LEE was with me. I changed cars because I believed that the occupant of the black Chevrolet at the Sheraton-Park had obtained my license number.

We returned to the vicinity of the American Legion Hall because I had heard some mention that we were all to rendezvous back there. I heard this some time or other that

night when we had the conversations about burning crosses. I cannot recall who said we should rendezvous.

Before actually returning to the vicinity of the American Legion Hall, LEE and I stopped at a seafood place on Maine Avenue in Washington, D. C., opposite the New England Haw Bar. I remember the seafood place had two large lobster claws in the window. We stopped for a ~~shot of~~ beer. After this beer, we drove to the vicinity of the American Legion Hall and just drove by it. There was a policeman at the call box at the junction of Alabama Avenue and Nichols Avenue, so we just drove around the neighborhood, passed the hall once more, did not see any of the other men and then drove over to Virginia.

I drove LEE to the vicinity of his home in Alexandria, near Peyton Street. I actually dropped him about one block from his home. I recall that while driving around with LEE that evening, he stated that this was his first experience. I believed him to mean first experience in burning crosses. I told him that it was mine also. Sometime during the evening, LEE mentioned that his left arm had been broken and was bent, inasmuch as it had never been set. *RIGHT.*

After I dropped off LEE, I went home. On Saturday, July 14, 1956, after having been interviewed by the Metropolitan

Police Department of Washington, D. C., I returned home. My mother told me that Mr. KASPER had been calling me all day and wanted me to call him. He left his telephone number, which had a WObart exchange. I called KASPER and he said, "I am or "we are proud of you." He also stated that he was collecting a defense fund for me. I only talked to him for a short time.

Concerning the cross that was burned in Maryland, I recall that on July 13, 1956, at the Legion Hall, KASPER mentioned that a Mr. PIERCE (ph) was going to take care of one some place else. When he mentioned Mr. PIERCE, I knew him to mean a Mr. PIERCE who was affiliated with a Maryland Petition Committee. I had previously met Mr. PIERCE on ^{JUNE} July 13, 1956, at the Annapolis Hotel. I would describe him as being 6 feet, 190 pounds, 28 years old, dark blond hair, blue eyes and having a fair complexion. The night that I met him he was very well dressed. I believe that he lives in Montgomery County, Maryland. I have seen, in the past, letters in the paper which have been signed with just the name "Maryland Petition Committee."

Another man who was at the Annapolis Hotel and connected with the Maryland Petition Committee was EVERETT

SEVERE (ph), and I believe this man is connected in some way with the National Broadcasting Company. I would describe him as being in his late 40s, 5 feet 8 inches, 175 pounds, dark gray hair, gray at the temples. He has a jolly disposition, and as far as I know, may be the Chairman of the Maryland Petition Committee. Another man who was at the Annapolis Hotel meeting of June 15, 1956, was Mr. PIERCE's father, who I would describe as being 60 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 165 pounds with gray hair, slightly bald, blue eyes and of medium complexion.

In thinking back, I believe that HANNA and LEE know the man who drove the red truck because at both the July 6 and July 13, 1956, meetings, these three men seemed to know each other.

I am not a member of the White Citizens Council, even though I have had a lot of association with the White Citizens Councils by attendance at their meetings. *I AM NOT A MEMBER OF ANY SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATION.*

I also recollect now that I heard NOCKETT say that he would get the crosses, but I am not sure.

On Saturday evening, July 14, 1956, after I had dinner and after the telephone call to JOHN KASPER wherein he said he was proud of me, I drove over to a ROBERT SMALL's apartment in the Barcroft Apartments, Virginia. I was invited

there by EUGENE COLLTON, whom I have known for a long time. He went to school with me and he was in the service with me. He called me up and invited me to SHALL's apartment. At the apartment, the following persons were present: SHALL and his wife, EUGENE COLLTON, my girl friend, GERDA FOWLER, and another man and his wife. This man was identified to me as being the ex-Vice President of the National Association for the Advancement of White People. They all wanted to know about the cross burning and I told them what I could remember at that time. I believe that I mentioned the names of HOCKETT and LEE to these people.

I should mention also that prior to the Annapolis Hotel meeting, perhaps a week or two before, KASPER stated that we had to have a reason to have ACE CARTER come to Washington, D. C. He stated that he would have to have a council here before ACE CARTER would come.

In order to establish a council, KASPER held a meeting at the Cadmus Book Shop a week or so prior to the Annapolis Hotel meeting. At this meeting the following persons were present: KASPER, Mrs. NUSE, Sergeant GLATZ, EUGENE COLLTON, and an elderly gentleman who identified himself with the National

INTERVIEW WITH EDGAR JOHNSTON

On July 19, 1956, EDGAR JOHNSTON was interviewed by SAs RICHARD B. LAVIN and LAURENCE E. DANBUM. JOHNSTON stated that he has not seen JOHN KASPER since Saturday night and added, "I won't say where he (KASPER) was Friday night after the meeting, that will come out at the proper time."

JOHNSTON stated that one ERNEST CUNNINGHAM acted as the Secretary - Treasurer of the WCC meeting on July 13, 1956. JOHNSTON further commented that he is not permitted to discuss the number of members in the WCC, nor any of the officers. He was advised that the FBI is not investigating the activities of the WCC but only trying to determine the persons who were responsible for the burning of the crosses on July 13, 1956. He voluntarily added that he works as an organizer for the WCC and he is at the present time attempting to compose some proposals for presentation to the Virginia Legislature, sometime in August or September.

He concluded by stating that he does not know where JOHN KASPER is at the present time, where he resides or visits. JOHNSTON stated he has always contacted JOHN KASPER at the Cadmus Bookshop.

EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON was recontacted on July 19, 1956, by Detective Sergeant J. Y. CHENNAULT and SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, JR., at a parking lot at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, Connecticut Avenue and Woodley Road, N.W. JOHNSTON was requested to permit photographs to be made of him for identification purposes. He voluntarily consented to being photographed. After the photographs were made, JOHNSTON reiterated his previous stand that he would not discuss the case further. He did, however, state at this time that he and KASPER were busy completing the By-laws and applications for membership and that as soon as this job is completed KASPER would be available for interview.

The Attorney General

July 16, 1956

Director, FBI

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL.
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL. - VICTIMS
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

This is submitted with further reference to my memorandum of July 16, 1956, captioned as above, and with reference to your inquiry as to whether the three individuals involved in the burning of the crosses were all members of the White Citizens Council and, further, whether there had been any discussions at meetings of this organization concerning the burning of crosses.

As indicated in my earlier memorandum of this date, Ronald Eugene Rowley denied being a member of the White Citizens Council, but his mother has advised Agents of this Bureau that Rowley is a member of this organization.

John David Lee, who has admitted participation in the burning of the crosses, stated he was a member of the White Citizens Council of Washington, D. C., and that he had made unsuccessful attempts to establish a branch in Alexandria, Virginia. In this connection, it is to be noted that Rowley admitted to Agents on interview that he had met Lee and Fred Plant Hockett, the third individual involved, at a meeting of the White Citizens Council at the Annapolis Hotel in Washington about a month before the incident of the burning of the crosses.

Fred Plant Hockett has denied to Agents that he was a member of any organizations. He denied that he was acquainted with Rowley and Lee and further denied any personal knowledge concerning the burning of the crosses.

To date, no reports have been received that there have been discussions of the burning of crosses at meetings of the White Citizens Council in Washington, D. C.; however, in connection with our inquiries, every effort is being made to determine whether discussions concerning the burning of crosses were in fact engaged in at meetings of this organization. In further interviews with these individuals

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they will be specifically questioned as to whether or not there have been discussions with regard to the burning of crosses at meetings of the White Citizens Council which they have attended.

You will be advised of all pertinent developments in this matter.

cc: 1 - Mr. William P. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

Note: The information in this memorandum has been verified telephonically with SAC Laughlin of the Washington Field Office. SAC Laughlin has also been instructed in connection with further interviews with the subjects to specifically cover whether any discussions concerning the burning of crosses were held at meetings of the White Citizens Council.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>RONALD ROWLEY JOHN LEE</i> Crosses burned 7/13,14/56 in vicinity of residences of Washington officials and local Maryland NAACP leader. Placards bearing inscriptions "EARLE WARREN Nigger Lover", "HERBERT LEHMAN JEW" and "SOBELOFF JEW" were also placed in conjunction with three of the crosses. Investigation reflects RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, DOB 11/14/31, Springfield, Mass., JOHN DAVID LEE, DOB 10/5/98,99, Norfolk, Va., and FRED PLANT HOCKETT, DOB 2/14/06, Canton, Mo., implicated in burning of two crosses at residences of WARREN and LEHMAN. ROWLEY charged 7/14/56 by Washington MPD on two charges for violation of Title 22, Section 1113, D.C. Code (lighting bon fire). ROWLEY posted collateral and released. ROWLEY furnished statement to MPD and FBI implicating himself, LEE and HOCKETT in the burning of crosses and placing of placards at residences of WARREN and LEHMAN at Sheraton Park Hotel. HOCKETT interviewed by FBI and he denied participation. LEE interviewed by FBI and he admits being present at burning of crosses and placing placards at Sheraton Park Hotel but refuses to name associates. MPD will file similar charges (Title 22, Section 1113, D.C. Code) against LEE and HOCKETT on 7/16/56. Evidence found at scenes of cross burnings delivered to FBI Laboratory. Laboratory advises portions of all five crosses cut from same board. Facts presented to AUSA FREDERICK G. SMITHSON, WDC, 7/14/56 who advised that, after being furnished with full results of investigation, he would take under consideration appropriate action under the Federal Statutes specifically Sections 111 and 1503, Title 18, U.S. Code. Description & available background info. re subjects set out.			
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The title of this case is being changed to reflect the following: the deletion of "Unknown Subjects (2);" the inclusion of FRED PLANT HOCKETT, was., as a subject; the inclusion of JOHN DAVID LEE as a subject.

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BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION:

Investigation in this matter was initiated on July 14, 1956, on the basis of reports received at Bureau Headquarters stating a number of crosses had been burned and placards placed in the front of the residences of prominent individuals residing in Washington, including members of the Supreme Court of the United States.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED AND ACTION TAKEN BY
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BURNING OF CROSSES
On July 14, 1956, Lieutenant JOHN A. BRYANT, 8th Precinct, Metropolitan Police Department, advised SA JOSEPH I. WOODS that at about 12:30 a.m. on July 14, 1956, ARTHUR A. FREDETTE, House Officer, Sheraton Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, N.W., Washington, D.C., telephoned the 8th Precinct and advised that WILLIAM COATES, Doorman, Sheraton Park Hotel, observed two white boys erecting what he thought to be decorations on the lawn of the hotel near the entrance to the drugstore on the Woodley Road side. According to FREDETTE, COATES, a few moments later, observed two crosses burning and the two boys leave in an automobile bearing 1956 Virginia tag 306-529. FREDETTE advised that COATES notified him and he and COATES removed the two burned crosses and two painted signs from the lawn of the hotel.

Lieutenant BRYANT advised that these two wooden crosses and two painted signs, one reading "EARE WARREN NIGGER LOVER" and the other "HERBERT LEHMAN JEW," were turned over to the 8th Precinct by FREDETTE.

Lieutenant BRYANT advised that he had contacted the Arlington, Virginia, Police Department, who advised that 1956 Virginia tag 306-529 is listed to [redacted] 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia, for a 1955 black and yellow Ford Victoria. BRYANT further advised that the Arlington Police Department had determined that the automobile described above was parked in front of 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, and that the motor was still warm. Lieutenant BRYANT advised that the Arlington Police Department stated the automobile was operated by

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Lieutenant BRYANT further advised that CHARLES ADKINS, colored, 64 years old, residing 1717 Wilder Street, N. W., Engineer at the Brandywine Apartments, 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., reported to the 8th Precinct about 1:00 a.m. on July 14, 1956, that some unknown person set fire to a wooden cross on the lawn in front of the Brandywine Apartments. Lieutenant BRYANT advised that this cross had been removed from the lawn by ADKINS and turned over to officers of the 8th Precinct.

Lieutenant BRYANT further advised that the burning of the cross at the Brandywine Apartments was witnessed by a Mrs. DESMOND, 3945 New Dale Drive, Chevy Chase, Maryland, who was driving past the Brandywine Apartments at the time and observed an automobile fitting the description set out above, parked on Brandywine Street along side the Brandywine Apartments.

Lieutenant BRYANT stated that his officers had been told by ADKINS that he had given a sign reading "SOBELOFF # JEW" to some young people who were going by as the cross was burning.

Lieutenant BRYANT advised that he had determined from FREDETTE that Senator HERBERT LEHMAN and Chief Justice EARL WARREN reside at the Sheraton Park Hotel. Lieutenant BRYANT further advised that Solicitor General SIMON SOBELOFF resided at the Brandywine Apartments, 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.

Lieutenant BRYANT further advised that at approximately the same time he had been advised by the 7th Precinct that a cross had been burned in front of the home of Justice FRANKFURTER, 3018 Dumbarton Street, N. W.

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Sergeant ROBERT A. RICHMOND, Acting Lieutenant, 7th Precinct, advised SA JOSEPH I. WOODS on July 14, 1956, that at 1:02 a.m. on July 14, 1956, they had received a call from an anonymous person that a cross was burning at 3018 Dumbarton Street, N. W. Sergeant RICHMOND advised that Squad Car 71, with Officers Privates REVERDY ORME and ARMOND BOOTH, found a cross burning at the above address,

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put the fire out and brought the cross to the 7th Precinct. Sergeant RICHMOND advised that nothing had been damaged at Justice FRANKFURTER's home. Sergeant RICHMOND further advised that nobody was occupying the home of Justice FRANKFURTER at the present time.

Sergeant RICHMOND further advised that when the police arrived on the scene, the following two people were standing in the vicinity of the burning cross:

RICHARD L. CLEVELAND, 1907 37th Street, N. W.;

NANCY PYFER, 2921 Dumbarton Street, N. W.

INVESTIGATION VICINITY SHERATON PARK HOTEL:

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs WALTER E. HEUCKE and JOSEPH I. WOODS on July 14,
1956.

ARCH J. OLIVER, Jr., Resident Manager, Sheraton
Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, N. W., advised that the
doorman of the Sheraton Park Hotel, who had been on
duty, was JAMES A. COATES, 1507 Varnum Street, N. W.,
telephone number Taylor 9-6995. *MISSING PC*

JAMES A. COATES was interviewed at the Sheraton
Park Hotel. COATES advised that he had worked until
almost 12:30 a.m., July 14, 1956, as a doorman at the
Sheraton Park. COATES stated that when he left to
go home as he drove out of the hotel entrance he noticed
two white people who were putting up what might be a
flag or decoration on the lawn about ten feet from the
sidewalk, directly in front of the drugstore on the
Woodley Road side of the Sheraton Park Hotel. COATES
advised that due to the lateness of the hour, he stopped
his car and got out to see what these individuals were
doing. COATES stated that as he got within fifteen feet
of the individuals he noted that these two men struck
matches and lit what turned out to be fiery crosses.
COATES said that he believed the crosses had been soaked
in gasoline or kerosene due to the speed with which the
flames shot over the entire height and width of the
crosses. COATES stated that after the crosses were
lit the two men ran away from the crosses, jumped the
hedge, crossed Woodley Road, and got into two automobiles.
COATES stated that he was unable to give an accurate
description of either automobile as he was concentrating
on the license number of the automobile in the rear, the
one nearest him. COATES stated that he memorized the
number as 306-529, a black and white 1956 Virginia tag.
COATES stated that these two automobiles went west on
Woodley Road at a high rate of speed and disappeared.

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COATES stated that he immediately went into
the hotel and wrote the license number on a piece of
paper so that he would not forget the number. Thereafter,
he called Mr. FREDETTE, the house officer, and he and
FREDETTE put out the crosses and pulled them down. COATES
stated that he observed the individual who got into
the car bearing Virginia license set out above. COATES
described this individual as white, male, 45 to 50 years

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of age, wearing a white short-sleeved sport shirt, about 5' 11" tall, 170 to 180 pounds, wearing a straw hat. COATES stated that he had not attempted to obtain a description of the other man as he was trying to watch the Virginia license number and the individual getting into this car.

COATES accompanied SAs WOODS and HEUCKE to the spot where the crosses were burned and there were observed charred marks on the ground about twelve feet from the hedge on the Woodley Road side of the Sheraton Park Hotel. There was also found a metal rod, 3/8 inch in diameter and fourteen inches long, which had been bent, possibly due to the kicking down of the crosses by COATES and FREDETTE.

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RE: INVESTIGATION VICINITY 4545 CONNECTICUT
AVENUE, N.W.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA LEO I. PROSISE on July 14, 1956:

SY FISHBEIN, City Desk, Washington Post and Times Herald Newspaper, advised that two young men giving the names of MONK CASPER, 72 Rittenhouse Street, N. E., Telephone RA 6-2707, and MARTIN ROSENSKY, 341 Gallatin Street, N. W., Telephone RA 6-5925, had turned in to JOHN RISELING, Night City Editor, a fiber board sign which they allegedly had obtained from the lawn at the Brandywine Apartments, 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N. W. Mr. FISHBEIN turned over the above placard to Agent PROSISE, and it was delivered by him to SA ROBERT FRAZIER at the FBI Laboratory. This placard measured approximately 19½" by 13½" and was burned along the top border. It bore the following inscription printed in white letters:

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ON
SOBELOFF
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JACK EISEN, Reporter, Washington Post and Times Herald Newspaper, advised that the newspaper had received a call at approximately 4:00 A.M. from one [redacted] Silver Spring, Maryland, Telephone [redacted] reporting that he had seen a burning cross on the lawn at 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N. W. EISEN stated that he had talked with [redacted] on the telephone at approximately 10:00 A.M., and that [redacted] said he was passing by and saw the burning cross. He stopped his car and went over to see what was happening and then noticed that there was a placard or sign having reference to Mr. SOBELOFF. [redacted] told him that he went over to the burning cross and kicked it down and then returned to his automobile. EISEN stated that [redacted] requested that his name not be published.

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs LEO I. PROSISE and PAUL E. ERTZINGER:

MORRIS CASPER, 72 Rittenshouse Street, N. E., advised that at approximately 1:00 a.m., on July 14, 1956, he and MARTIN ROSENSKY were driving up Connecticut Avenue, with two young ladies whom they were escorting home. He said at that corner of Brandywine Street and Connecticut Avenue he saw a burning cross which had been erected on the lawn of the Brandywine Apartments, 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N. W. He stated that they parked the automobile and went over to see what was going on. They found the burning cross located approximately 10 feet inside the hedge along Brandywine Street and at the base of the cross was a sign on which was printed in white paint the inscription SIMON SOBELOFF JEW. CASPER said that they sent the two girls into the apartment house to notify the manager of the fire. In the meantime, he and ROSENSKY waited at the scene. While they were there, a man who apparently came from an automobile, after looking at the fire, made some remark indicating that he strongly disapproved of it. This individual then jumped over the hedge and kicked down the cross, which was then still burning. The placard apparently then caught fire from the flames which were coming from the cross. CASPER said that he and his companion were afraid the fire would spread so they began to stamp on it with their feet. He said the janitor and another man came from the apartment house and assisted in putting out the blaze.

CASPER advised that the man who had kicked the cross down immediately left the scene. He advised that there was one other car which apparently had stopped momentarily to watch the fire. He was unable to describe this automobile. He stated that none of the tenants from the apartment house came out or looked out of the windows. CASPER advised that the whole incident was over in a matter of minutes. He said he and ROSENSKY picked up the placard which had been partly burned, and that they subsequently turned it over to

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the Washington Post and Times Herald Newspaper. CASPER was unable to furnish the name of the person to whom the placard was delivered. He said he could identify the placard as to shape and size and the fact that the top portion of it was burned off and also from the inscription which was on it.

CASPER informed that the young lady who was with him is CAROLE HENKIN, 6504 Western Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

MORIS BERNARD ROSENSKY, 341 Gallatin Street, N.W., furnished substantially the same information as Mr. CASPER. He advised that he was accompanied by NANCY RUBIN, 3556 Brandywine Street, N. W.

Dec 1 Mrs. ERMELINDA DESMOND, Apartment 3, 3945 Newdale Road, Chevy Chase, Telephone OL 6-4407, was interviewed in the presence of her escort, DANA M. MOORE, 4542 Montgomery Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland. Mrs. DESMOND advised that she and Mr. MOORE were driving up Connecticut Avenue at approximately 1:15 A.M., on July 14, 1956, when she observed a burning cross on the lawn near a large apartment building. She stated the cross was burning "fiercely" as she passed by and she could see that there was a sign underneath the cross on which she noticed the letters S and OFF. She also noticed that there was double parked on the side street which she later determined was Brandywine, a tan convertible automobile which was probably a Ford or other small car. She said the automobile was a late model. She also observed a young man wearing a light colored suit running across the street toward the burning cross. She did not observe anyone else at the scene. Mrs. DESMOND said when they passed the Chevy Chase circle she noticed a Washington Police Department cruiser parked there, and she reported to the occupants that there was a burning cross in front of an apartment a short distance down Connecticut Avenue. She then decided that she should determine exactly where the fire was located and she had Mr. MOORE return to the scene. At that time she determined that the cross was located on the lawn of the apartment house at

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Connecticut Avenue at Brandywine Street. She said at this time a man who apparently was the janitor was dragging the upright part of the cross across the lawn. Another man was stamping on the placard which was on the ground. Mrs. DESMOND and Mr. MOORE did not get out of the car, but she returned to her home and reported the matter again to the Police Department, giving the exact location.

Mrs. DESMOND informed that she is employed by Drs. GEORGE HUFFMAN and E. HERBERT BAUERSFELD, 1912 R Street, N. W., Telephone DE 2-3090.

Mr. MOORE informed that he is in the U. S. Navy stationed at the Naval Small Craft Facility, Annapolis, Maryland. His Navy Serial Number is 7979165.

Mrs. EVA BENNETT, Resident Manager, Brandywine Apartments, advised that she first learned that there had been a fire on the lawn of the apartment house on the morning of July 14, 1956, when the night telephone operator, CLAUDE ESTWICK, advised her of it. Mrs. BENNETT said that at the time she did not know the significance of the fire, but that she later was advised of it. She said ESTWICK did not disturb her during the night because he did not think that it was anything of importance. She advised that there had been no inquiries from the tenants of the building, and that the entire incident seemed to have transpired without causing any anxiety. Mrs. BENNETT advised that in addition to ESTWICK the only other employee on duty was the janitor, CHARLES ADKINS. Mrs. BENNETT was unable to furnish the address for ADKINS. She informed that ESTWICK resides at 1919 3rd Street, N. W., Telephone AD 2-9798.

✓ Mrs. BENNETT informed that MR. SIMON E. SOBELOFF resides in Apartment 226. She pointed out that this apartment is located on the opposite side of the building from which the burning cross could be seen. She informed that there had been no inquiries regarding Mr. SOBELOFF prior to the incident.

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Mrs. BENNETT pointed out that her apartment is along the Brandywine Street Side, and that she did not see the fire, nor did she hear any commotion or unusual noises from her apartment.

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An examination of the lawn of the Brandywine Apartments, 4545 Connecticut Avenue N.W., revealed that the point at which the burning cross was located is approximately 15 feet in from the hedge on Brandywine Street, 25 feet from the Connecticut Avenue sidewalk, and 40 feet from the apartment building. An area of approximately 5 feet by 5 feet was burned and scorched. A search of the immediate area was made, but no evidence of significance was located. It was noted that on the opposite side of Brandywine Street there is a vacant lot and the nearest building on that side is the Chesapeake Apartments, 4607 Connecticut Avenue N.W. It was also noted that the Northwest corner of Connecticut Avenue and Brandywine Street is a vacant lot. The nearest apartment on the west side of Connecticut Avenue is the Frontenac, 4550 Connecticut Avenue.

CLAUDE ESTWICK, Room 161, Slowe Hall, 1919 Third Street N.W., Telephone, ADams 2-9798, advised that he is the night clerk and telephone operator at the Brandywine Apartments. ESTWICK furnished the following information. Sometime between 1:00 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. on July 14, 1956, two young ladies contacted him at the desk and advised him that someone was burning something outside on the lawn of the apartment house. They told him that they feared the fire would spread, and thought that something should be done about it. ESTWICK said he called the janitor, CHARLES ADKINS, and sent him out and he followed shortly thereafter. On the lawn at the corner of Brandywine Street and Connecticut Avenue he observed two pieces of wood which were burning. There were two young men attempting to stamp out the fire with their feet. He and ADKINS joined in attempting to put out the fire and he then went into the building to obtain some water. ESTWICK explained that he was worried about the switchboard, which he was supposed to attend to, and he therefore stayed inside after giving the water to ADKINS. He informed that one of the pieces of wood had a piece of metal which appeared to extend from one end of it. He also advised that one of the young men had a placard or small piece of fiber-board in his hand, which had apparently been burned to some extent. ESTWICK said he did not question the young men about this item, and

that he did not see what inscription, if any, was written on it.

ESTWICK advised that he did not notify Mrs. BENNETT, the Resident Manager, because he did not wish to disturb her. He said the whole matter was over in a few minutes and he did not think it was important enough to awaken Mrs. BENNETT. He also stated there had been no inquiries at the desk since he came on duty at 11:00 p.m. and nothing unusual had occurred. He also informed that none of the tenants had made inquiry as to what was going on, and apparently they did not know that there had been a fire.

CHARLES ADKINS, 1717 Willard Street N.W., advised that he has been the janitor at the Brandywine Apartments for three years. ADKINS advised that he was present when two young ladies came into the lobby and reported that there was a fire on the lawn. When he went out, he observed a young man who was standing near the fire. When he approached, he noticed that there were two pieces of wood which apparently were in the form of a cross on the ground. The wood and the grass surrounding it were on fire and he, along with the young man, attempted to put it out by stamping on it. After a while, he noticed that the end of the cross was attached to the ground by a piece of metal and he then pulled this metal from the ground and dragged the cross across the lawn toward the front of the building. In the meantime, Mr. ESTWICK obtained a bucket of water, which he gave him, and ADKINS poured it on the smoldering cross. He said he then placed the remains of the cross on a vacant lot which is next to the apartment house property. ADKINS also informed that when he first went out there was a placard or sign on the ground. The young man who helped put out the fire picked up this placard and took it with him when he left. ADKINS said he did not read the wording on the sign. He stated that there were no other spectators at the scene, other than the two young ladies and the young man.

ADKINS further informed that some time later a police car came by and the occupants asked him whether

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he worked at the apartment house and whether there had been any trouble. He said he told them there was a little fire on the lawn and showed them where he had placed the burned wooden cross. The officers told him to move it back a little, since it was too near the sidewalk. ADKINS said that some time later a patrol wagon came around and the officers in it picked up the wooden cross and took it away. He said that neither the officers nor anyone else questioned him or inquired as to what had transpired.

The following persons were contacted, but were unable to furnish any pertinent information:

Mrs. FLORENCE EDNA SEAGREN, Apartment 405, Brandywine Apartments.

Mrs. ELEANOR KEISER, Telephone Operator, and occupant of Apartment 209, the Frontenac Apartments, 4550 Connecticut Avenue N.W.

GEORGE JOHNSON, Assistant Janitor, Frontenac Apartments.

The following investigation was conducted by SA PAUL E. ERTZINGER.

Mrs. MARY BROWN, Telephone Operator, the Chesapeake Apartments, 4607 Connecticut Avenue N.W., advised that she had no knowledge of the incident at the Brandywine Apartments, and that none of the tenants at the Chesapeake had indicated knowledge of this incident.

WILLIAM WRIGHT, Elevator Operator, the Chesapeake Apartments, advised that he had no knowledge of this incident, and that none of the tenants had reported having seen the fire on the lawn of the Brandywine Apartments on July 14, 1956.

On July 14, 1956, SA RALPH VOGEL of the Baltimore Division telephonically furnished the following information to SA GRANT E. NANNA of the Washington Field Office.

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Silver Spring, Maryland, telephone [redacted]
who is employed as a salesman at Mann Motors; Silver Spring, Maryland, advised that between 12:30 and 12:40 a.m., July 14, 1956, he and a male friend, whom he refused to identify, were driving on Connecticut Avenue when they noticed a fire which resembled a burning cross in front of an apartment building in the 4500 block of Connecticut Avenue. [redacted] said the cross was seven or eight feet high and four feet across. He stopped his car and walked over to the cross and then noticed a sign which he believed said "SAM SIMONLESS, Jew." He stated there were four or five young couples and some adults standing around and that no one was doing anything about it, and it looked ridiculous to him. He said he went over and kicked down the cross and then went back to his car and drove off. He claimed he overheard someone in the group say, "That guy might burn the building down."

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[redacted] informed that at about 3:00 or 4:00 a.m. he called the Washington Post and Times Herald newspaper and left his name. He said he was informed by the person with whom he talked that crosses were being burned in other places. He later received a call from a Mr. EISEN, a reporter of the Washington Post and Times Herald, to whom he furnished the above information. [redacted] said that he had requested Mr. EISEN not to publish his name in the newspaper.

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INVESTIGATION IN THE VICINITY OF
3018 DUMBARTON AVENUE, N. W.

Information furnished by the Metropolitan Police Department indicated that Miss NANCY PYFER, 2921 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., and RICHARD L. CLEVELAND, 1907 - 37th Street, N. W., were witnesses to the cross burning at the above address, which is the residence of Supreme Court Justice FELIX FRANKFURTER. *WASHINGTON DC*

After repeated attempts to contact the above witnesses on July 14, 1956, by SAs WALTER W. SMART and WARREN L. LOVE, SA LOVE managed to telephonically contact Miss NANCY PYFER on the evening of July 14, 1956. Miss PYFER stated that she and her fiancée, Lieutenant RICHARD L. CLEVELAND, were returning from a party during the early morning hours of July 14, 1956. They were proceeding north on 30th Street in Lieutenant CLEVELAND's automobile and turned east into the 2900 block of Dumbarton Avenue where she lives. Upon alighting from the automobile Miss PYFER and Lieutenant CLEVELAND observed what appeared to be a brush fire in the middle of the 3000 block of Dumbarton Avenue, N. W. They proceeded approximately half of the distance to this fire and upon being satisfied that it was burning at considerable rate, they returned to her residence at 2921 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., where she telephonically notified the Police Department of the above.

At no time did Miss PYFER observe any individuals in the vicinity of the fire nor did she observe any individuals or automobiles leaving the scene or the area. She was unable to give additional information.

Considerable effort was made to contact Lieutenant RICHARD L. CLEVELAND, 1907 - 37th Street, N. W., by SAs SMART and LOVE. Lieutenant CLEVELAND was telephonically interviewed by SA CHARLES M. BEALL on July 14, 1956, and he could not offer any additional information to that related by Miss PYFER above.

A search of the area at 3018 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., was made in order to locate a placard and any other item pertinent to this matter. A search of this area by SAs WALTER W. SMART and WARREN L. LOVE failed to disclose a placard or any other physical evidence relating thereto. It was noted that the ivy on the bank in the front of the

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residence at 3018 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., was scorched in an elongated manner; however, there were no particles or other fragment relating to this situation in the vicinity.

The following individuals residing in the neighborhood of 3018 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., were interviewed on July 14, 1956, by SAs WALTER W. SMART and WARREN L. LOVE for any information concerning the cross burning incident at 3018 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., on the night of July 13 - 14, 1956.

Mrs. ODESSA DAWSON, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., who resides in the basement apartment, stated that she retired at approximately 10:30 on the night in question. She stated that she heard no commotion and did not observe the cross burning and knew nothing of the incident until the morning of July 14, 1956, at which time she heard it over the radio.

Miss RAYMONDE TCHAROUTCHEFF, ROBERT TCHAROUTCHEFF, and Mrs. M. TCHAROUTCHEFF, Apartment A4, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., stated that they retired on the evening in question at approximately 11:00 P. M. They stated the apartment is located on the second floor and to the rear and because of this they are somewhat removed from the street frontage and have but little visual contact of same. They stated that they heard no unusual noises nor did they observe anything unusual as they slept the entire evening without incident. They had no knowledge of any incident that occurred in the vicinity of their apartment.

Miss JEAN BJORKLUND, Apartment B4, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., stated that she retired at approximately 11:30 P. M. on the evening in question and slept undisturbed. She could offer no information concerning this matter.

Miss CORNELIA VAN HORN, Apartment B4, 3016 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., advised that she returned to her residence at approximately 2:00 A. M. on July 14, 1956, and remained in her residence until approximately 10:00 A. M. When she returned to her apartment she did not observe that a fire occurred at 3018 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., and did not know of same until the morning of July 14, 1956, when she heard it on a newscast. On her return to the apartment she did

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not observe any individuals in the vicinity of 3018 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., nor did she observe any automobiles passing or any unusual activity.

Mr. ADRIAN FISHER, 3013 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., stated that he was home on the evening of July 13 - 14, 1956, and retired about 11:30 P. M. He stated his bedroom is located to the rear of his residence but with a view of the street. He added that his sleep was not interrupted and was unable to furnish any information concerning this incident.

Mr. NICHOLAS LEPAK, 3015 Dumbarton Avenue, N. W., advised that he retired at approximately 9:30 on the evening in question in a front bedroom of his residence. He stated he had no knowledge or information concerning any unusual activity in the vicinity of his residence.

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INVESTIGATION OF BURNING AT RESIDENCE OF MRS.
DOUGLAS KING, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, PRINCE GEORGES
COUNTY BRANCH, 5402 ODELL ROAD, BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND.

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs FRANCIS X. JAHN and GENE S. WEIMER on July 14, 1956:

Mrs. DOUGLAS KING, 5402 Odell Road, Beltsville, Maryland, was interviewed. She is President of Prince Georges County Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She resides in a two story frame house in a sparsely settled neighborhood. At 11:50 p.m., July 13, 1956, she was in an upstairs bedroom sewing. She heard an automobile drive past her home and stop. She turned out her light and looked out. A car was stopped near the edge of her property. She heard a car door slam but could not see how many persons were in or out of the car, nor whether they were white or colored. In a minute or two the car moved on. She put the light back on and prepared for bed. As she lay in bed she heard laughter but did not look out. The laughter sounded like that of "teen-agers or youngsters." She could not tell if they were boys or girls. The car she had seen was light colored but she could not say if blue, gray, or green, et cetera. She believed it was a late model car, possibly a Plymouth or Ford. Because of the hedge in front of her lawn she could see only the top portion of the car.

About 12:15 a.m., July 14, 1956, her husband who was lying in bed said, "What's that light?" They both looked out to see a cross burning in front of their property. The cross stood at the west corner of the hedge on the public road side, the road being a country dirt road with no sidewalk. The cross was at the point where she had previously seen the car stop before moving on.

Mrs. KING then asked the phone operator to call the police and the fire department. A Prince Georges County Police cruiser and a Beltsville Fire Truck responded, the latter extinguishing the burning cross.

ARTHUR KING, son, said the burning cross smelled like kerosene. He and DOUGLAS KING, his father, were unable

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to supply any further pertinent information. They advised some fifteen or twenty neighbors were attracted to the scene by the arrival of the fire engine, but none indicated they had heard anything or seen anything prior to the noise of the engine.

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Mrs. KING in answer to questioning regarding possible suspects mentioned she had received several threatening letters. She believed these were from a Negro named [redacted]

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The KINGS advised no notes, letters, placards, or other items were left with the burning cross. Crime scene search was negative.

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Officer WILLIAM J. MULLIKIN, Prince Georges County Police Department, who responded to KING's call, said he talked with spectators at the scene, all of whom were Negroes, but none had seen the cross placed and he developed no suspects.

NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

The following individuals who are neighbors residing in the vicinity were interviewed but none had any information which would serve to identify the subjects. These are:

Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH L. BROSCOE
5407 Odell Road.

Mr. and Mrs. WILBERT MATTHEWS
5502 Odell Road.

LEON J. GAITHER
11540 Old Baltimore Pike.

MARGARET WEEMS and JOSEPH M. WEEMS
5414 Odell Road.

EMILY ROSS
5410 Odell Road.

IRENE and ALONZO GROSS
5406 Odell Road.

FELIX C. and ALICE ROSS
5404 Odell Road.

Mrs. MARY BREWER
11501 Old Baltimore Pike.

All the above are of Beltsville, Maryland.

The following filling station operators were contacted to determine if they made a sale of kerosene or gasoline to a group which might be identical with the subjects of this case at or about midnight the night before but none could remember having served any automobile or person which might have a connection with this case. These are:

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Mrs. AGNES GINGELL
Amoco Service Station

RAE GORDON
ESSO Service Station

C. C. KANE
Sunoco Service Station

All the above are of Beltsville, Maryland.

Inquiries were likewise made at the following business establishments where the subjects might have stopped for food or refreshments at or about the time of the offense but the following had no information which would serve to identify the subjects:

JAMES E. PEARMAN
Beltsville Tavern

AUGUST CORTESINI
Delicatessen

Both are of Beltsville, Maryland.

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INFORMATION FROM POLICE DEPARTMENT
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

On July 14, 1956, Captain DUDLEY RECTOR, Chief of Detectives, Police Department, Arlington County, Virginia, advised SAs SAMUEL W. WEST, JR., and WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB that the notes of the Dispatcher for that Police Department reflect that at 1:27 A. M., July 14, 1956, the Dispatcher on duty at that time, Sergeant JOSEPH HEATH, dispatched Cruiser Number 11, in which were riding Privates JAMES PAYNE and HUGH BLACK, to the address of 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia. Captain RECTOR stated that this inquiry was being made on behalf of the Metropolitan Police Department in an effort to check the location of 1956 Virginia License Tag 306-529 which had been reported as having been issued to a 1955 Ford, the property of ALLAN LORING ROWLEY, 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia. *ALLAN ROWLEY 1956*

Captain RECTOR stated that at 1:44 A. M. the Dispatcher asked the occupants of Cruiser Number 11 to determine if the motor on the 1955 Ford bearing Virginia License Tag 306-529 was still warm. Captain RECTOR also advised that at 2:12 A. M. July 14, 1956, the Dispatcher for that Police Department requested the officers in Cruiser 11 to return to the address of 605 North Jefferson Street and make further efforts to determine the location of the individual who had been using the 1955 Ford bearing Virginia Tags 306-529 during the night of July 13 and the early morning of July 14, 1956.

Captain RECTOR stated that there were no other written details concerning the above contacts at 605 North Jefferson Street inasmuch as the inquiry was being made at the request of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C. He further commented that the information developed at the above address concerning the 1955 Ford bearing Virginia License Tags 306-529 had been furnished to the Metropolitan Police Department by telephone.

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ATTEMPTED INTERVIEW WITH
RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY

At 11:00 A. M., July 14, 1956, SAs SAMUEL W. WEST, JR., and WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB attempted to interview RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY at his residence, 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia. RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY declined to be interviewed by the Agents and he stated that he would consult with his attorney before he would permit himself to be interviewed. He identified his attorney as WALTER NEWLON, whom he said maintains offices in the Clarendon Trust Building, Arlington, Virginia.

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INTERVIEW WITH MEMBERS OF
FAMILY OF SUBJECT ROWLEY

On July 14, 1956, Mr. ALLAN LORING ROWLEY, who identified himself as a brother of RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, was interviewed by SAs SAMUEL W. WEST, JR., and WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB at his residence of 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. ROWLEY stated that he is the owner of a 1955 Ford Victoria to which is assigned Virginia License Number 306-529. He described this automobile as having a yellow top, a black center, and a yellow bottom. Mr. ROWLEY related that he had loaned this automobile to his brother, RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, for use during the evening of July 13, 1956.

Mr. ROWLEY furnished the following signed statement concerning his recollection of the account of events during the evening of July 13, 1956, and the morning of July 14, 1956.

"Arlington, Virginia
July 14, 1956

"I, ALLAN LORING ROWLEY, make the following statement voluntarily to WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB and SAMUEL W. WEST, JR., who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to me. I have been told I do not have to make a statement and any statement I do make can be used against me in court. I have been told I can have a lawyer present.

"I am 27 years of age. I am employed as transit analyst, General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C. I reside at 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia.

"I am the owner of a 1955 Ford Victoria. This car is assigned Virginia license number 306-529. My car has a yellow top, black center and a yellow bottom.

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"In the late afternoon, about 5:30 P. M. July 13, 1956, I gave my brother, RONALD, permission to use my 1955 Ford during evening of July 13, 1956. I do not know to where he was driving the car. I left the house before RONALD, so I do not know at what time he left home in my car. I returned home a little after 8:00 P. M. at which time RONALD was not there.

"I was in the neighborhood until 10:00 P. M. when I went bowling at the Arlington Bowling Center, Columbia Pike. I returned home at 11:30 P. M. My mother and father were already in bed.

"I went to bed about 11:45 P. M. I was awakened about 1:30 A. M. or 2:00 A. M. July 14, 1956 by our dog barking. I got up to investigate why the dog was barking. I did not see anyone outside the house. I did notice that my car was parked in front of the house. My brother, RONALD, was not at home. I thought my brother had left my car there and had gone off in another car.

"I went back to bed and before I got to sleep the Arlington Police came to the house and talked to my parents. The police inquired as to where my car had been during the night.

"I did not hear RONALD come home during the night, but when I awakened about 8:00 A. M. July 14, 1956 RONALD was in the other bed asleep in our bedroom, which we share.

"When RONALD got up about 10:00 A. M. on July 14, 1956, I asked him where he had been in my car last night and he said he had been 'in the District.' Before I could ask him further questions he was called to the telephone and I left the house before he finished the call. I have not asked him any further questions concerning his whereabouts on the night of July 13 and July 14, 1956. I do not have any information as to the activities of my brother, RONALD ROWLEY, during the night of July 13, and early morning July 14, 1956.

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"I have read this handwritten statement consisting of this and two other pages and the information stated is to true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have initialed corrections and the bottom of each page.

"ALLAN LORING ROWLEY

"Witnesses:

WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB - FBI Richmond, Va.
SAMUEL W. WEST JR., FBI, Richmond, Va."

Mr. ALLAN ROWLEY went on to say that his brother RONALD is employed as an installer with the American District Telegraph Company, 14th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. He further commented that RONALD ROWLEY is a member of the White Citizens Council, Washington, D. C. ALLAN ROWLEY asserted that he does not know the location of the White Citizens Council in Washington, D. C., or the identity of any of the other persons connected with that organization. He did say that he estimates that RONALD ROWLEY has been a member of the White Citizens Council for a period of approximately three months.

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Mr. ALLAN ROWLEY further stated that he does not know any of the activities of RONALD ROWLEY in connection with the White Citizens Council.

ALLAN ROWLEY advised that the only friends and associates of RONALD ROWLEY whom he knows is EUGENE COLTON, approximately 24 years of age, who resides somewhere in Arlington County. He mentioned that EUGENE COLTON is an employee in the Automobile Inspection Division for the District of Columbia. He further said that one ROBERT MURPHY, age 24 years, who also resides at an unknown address in Arlington County, is a friend of RONALD ROWLEY. He added that another person named FRED BEST, age approximately 24 years, who resides at an unrecalled address in Arlington County, Virginia, is a friend of RONALD ROWLEY.

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Mr. ALLAN ROWLEY averred that he does not know if any of the above mentioned individuals have any knowledge of the activities of RONALD ROWLEY.

ALLAN ROWLEY also stated that RONALD ROWLEY has a girl friend whom he described as GERDA DOERR, who resides at an unrecalled address in Washington, D. C.

On July 14, 1956, Mrs. NEVA GILMORE ROWLEY advised SAs SAMUEL W. WEST, JR., and WOODROW P. LIPSCUMB that she is the mother of RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY and that she resides at 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Mrs. ROWLEY related that RONALD ROWLEY left home at approximately 7:30 P. M. on the evening of July 13, 1956, driving ALLAN ROWLEY's 1955 Ford Victoria, yellow and black in color. Mrs. ROWLEY asserted that RONALD did not tell her where he was going or whether he was meeting anyone during the evening. He did not tell her anything concerning his contemplated activities for that evening. Mrs. ROWLEY also said that she did not hear RONALD place or receive any telephone calls. She added that his disposition and temperament were normal at the time he left home on the evening of July 13, 1956.

According to Mrs. ROWLEY, her husband, LAURENCE, retired at approximately 9:30 P. M. and that she retired at approximately 11:00 P. M. on July 13, 1956. She said at that time RONALD ROWLEY was not home. She added that she heard her son ALLAN come into the house at approximately 11:30 P. M. and from that time until approximately 2:10 A. M. on July 14, 1956, she did not hear anything as she was asleep. Mrs. ROWLEY relates that at approximately 2:10 A. M. on July 14, 1956, uniformed officers of the Arlington County Police Department came to the house to inquire as to the identity of the person who was driving the 1955 Ford Victoria which is the property of her son, ALLAN ROWLEY. Mrs. ROWLEY stated that she and her husband spoke briefly with the police and informed them that their son, RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, had been driving this automobile during the evening of July 13, 1956.

Mrs. ROWLEY went on to say that the Arlington Police returned to the house at approximately 2:30 A. M., July 14, 1956, and wanted to know the license tag number

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for the 1956 Ford sedan, color blue, which is the property *age*
of another son, LAURENCE DUANE ROWLEY. Mrs. ROWLEY
stated that LAURENCE DUANE ROWLEY is visiting out of town *33-11-56*
and was not present at the time the police called at the
house. Mrs. ROWLEY stated she made available the license
tag number of the 1956 blue Ford which was then parked
beside the residence of 605 North Jefferson Street, which
number is 306-530. Mrs. ROWLEY also stated that at that
time the police informed her husband and her that they
were making the inquiry concerning the license tags and
the 1955 yellow and black Ford for the benefit of the
Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. ROWLEY related that at some time during
the early morning she heard an automobile stop in front
of the house but that she did not hear any voices. She
said she did not hear any footsteps and after looking out
the window and seeing the yellow and black Ford in front
of the house she went back to bed.

Mrs. ROWLEY went on to say that the next morning
July 14, 1956, when she inquired of RONALD ROWLEY as to
his activities during the evening of July 13, 1956, he
made a statement that "we just burned some crosses."

In connection with the conversation Mrs. ROWLEY
had with RONALD ROWLEY on the morning of July 14, 1956,
Mrs. ROWLEY furnished the following signed statement.

"Arlington, Virginia
July 14, 1956

"I, NEVA GILMORE ROWLEY, make the following
statement voluntarily to SAMUEL W. WEST, JR.,
and WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB, who have identified
themselves as Special Agents of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises
have been made to me. I have been told I can
have a lawyer present. I have been told I do
not have to make a statement, and that any
statement I do make can be used against me in
court. *NEVA G. ROWLEY*

"I reside at 605 North Jefferson Street,
Arlington, Virginia.

MRS LAURENCE MCKINLEY ROWLEY

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"On the morning of July 14, 1956, when I asked my son, RONALD ROWLEY, where he was last night or very early this morning, he told me he was in the District, meaning the District of Columbia. When I asked him where did he go, he said, 'We just burned some crosses.' He did not say where the crosses were burned other than, 'just over in town.' When he says 'over in town,' I think he means Washington, D. C. RONALD did not mention any names of persons he may have been with last night. He gave no further details.

"When I asked him why he brought home the black and yellow Ford and took the Blue Ford, RONALD said, 'I had to take a fellow home.' He did not identify that person.

"RONALD did not give me any more information as to his activities on the night of July 13 or early morning of July 14, 1956.

"I have read this statement consisting of this and one other page and the information I have given is true and correct.

"NEVA G. ROWLEY.

Witnesses:

WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB, FBI Richmond, Va.

SAMUEL W. WEST, JR., FBI, Richmond, Va."

Mrs. ROWLEY went on to say that her son RONALD has been a member of the White Citizens Council in Washington, D. C., for a period from two to three months. She said it is her recollection that he attended a meeting of the White Citizens Council in Washington, D. C., some time in June, 1956. She further commented that she does not know the identities of any of the other persons connected with the White Citizens Council nor does she know anything concerning the activities of her son with that organization.

Mrs. ROWLEY stated that RONALD ROWLEY has a friend, Miss GERDA DOERR, who resides with Mrs. MARY E. GOODE, 3425 Newton Street, Mt. Rainier, Maryland. She said that Miss DOERR is an employee of the Government

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Employees Insurance Company, Washington, D. C. Mrs. ROWLEY stated that she does not know the identities of any friends of her son RONALD other than the persons known as FRED BEST, ROBERT MURPHY and EUGENE COLTON, persons who were in school with RONALD and who reside at unknown addresses but believed to be in Arlington County, Virginia.

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On July 14, 1956, SAs SAMUEL W. WEST, JR. and WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB interviewed Mr. LAURENCE MCKINLEY ROWLEY at his residence, 605 N. Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. ROWLEY stated that he is the father of ALLAN LORING ROWLEY and RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY and that both of these sons reside at the above address. Mr. ROWLEY related that sometime during the early evening of July 13, 1956, his son RONALD left the residence by which means Mr. ROWLEY does not recall. He said he believes RONALD left in the automobile of ALLAN ROWLEY because ALLAN left at a later time in the automobile, a blue 1956 Ford sedan, the property of another son, LAURENCE DUANE ROWLEY. MASS

Mr. LAURENCE ROWLEY went on to say that he went to bed at 9:30 p.m. on the night of July 13, 1956. He said he slept soundly and did not hear anything until approximately 2:00 a.m. when the Arlington Police Department uniform men came to the house and asked as to the location and use of the 1955 yellow and black Ford, which is the property of ALLAN LORING ROWLEY. Mr. ROWLEY asserted that the police officers asked his wife and himself questions as to where this Ford automobile had been during the night of July 13, 1956, and the early morning of July 14, 1956. Mr. ROWLEY said he told the police officers that the automobile had been used by one of his sons, either ALLAN or RONALD. He went on to say that apparently it had been used by RONALD as his son ALLAN was then at home asleep.

Mr. ROWLEY stated that the police returned to the house at a later time in the early morning of July 14, 1956, at which time the family dog barked loudly and this awakened ALLAN ROWLEY, who got out of bed to investigate the dog barking. Mr. ROWLEY said he does not know what ALLAN did when he got out of bed to see what was causing the dog to bark.

Mr. ROWLEY stated that his son, RONALD, came home at a later time, but the exact hour of his arrival is not known.

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According to Mr. ROWLEY, on the morning of July 14, 1956, he asked RONALD what he had been doing on the evening of July 13, 1956, that would cause the police to come to the house and inquire about him, at which time RONALD told him he would take care of the matter himself. Mr. ROWLEY said that RONALD at no time told him anything concerning his activities during the evening of July 13, 1956, or early morning of July 14, 1956, or why the police would be wanting to talk to him about his activities.

Mr. ROWLEY remarked that RONALD owns a 1947 Ford club coupe, color black, which was at that time inoperative because it has defective front wheels. Mr. ROWLEY added that the automobile was at that time up on blocks in the family garage at that address, and that no current license tags had been issued for the car. This fact was confirmed by observation by SAs WEST and LIPSCOMB who saw the 1947 club coupe up on blocks in the garage and rear of 605 N. Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia.

According to Mr. ROWLEY, he does not know anything concerning RONALD's activities on the night of July 13, 1956, and early morning of July 14, 1956, and that RONALD has not given him any information about his activities during that time. Mr. ROWLEY went on to say that RONALD did not receive any telephone calls or make any telephone calls from his home which would in any way give Mr. ROWLEY an idea as to his son's activities during the pertinent period.

Mr. ROWLEY stated he does not know the identities of any organizations to which RONALD ROWLEY belongs.

On July 14, 1956, Mr. LAURENCE M. ROWLEY and his wife, NEVA, gave written permission to SAs WEST and LIPSCOMB to search the premises located at 605 N. Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia.

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A search of the premises at 605 N. Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia, was made by SAs WEST and LIPSCOMB and items of evidence, the description of which is set out hereinafter, were obtained. A receipt for those items taken was given to Mr. ROWLEY.

INTERVIEW WITH RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY

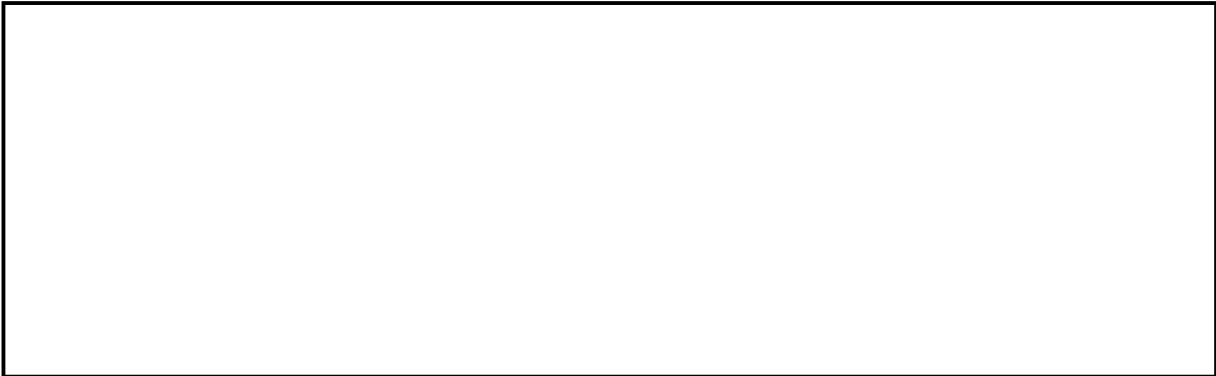
RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, 605 N. Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia, at the request of Detective EDWARD W. CHAILLET, Metropolitan Police Department, voluntarily came to the office of Deputy Chief EDGAR E. SCOTT, Metropolitan Police Department, on July 14, 1956. ROWLEY was interviewed by Deputy Chief SCOTT, Detective CHAILLET, and SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM.

ROWLEY executed the following signed statement, the original of which is being maintained in the files of the Washington Field Office:

Washington, D.C.
July 14th, 1956

"I Ronald Eugene Rowley make the following free and voluntary statement to Deputy Chief Edgar E. Scott, Detective Edward W. Chaillet, of the Metropolitan Police Department and Leslie B. Chisholm who has identified himself to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made to obtain this statement from me and I have been advised I do not have to make any statements. I have been advised any statement I do make can be used against me in court and that I have the right to obtain the services of an attorney.

"I was born at Springfield, Mass., on November 14, 1931. This statement is not to be printed by any newspaper or periodical unless, by my consent, it is so printed in its entirety.



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INTERVIEW OF FRED HOCKETT, 1115 MARYLAND AVENUE, N.E.

Investigation in the 1300 block of Maryland Avenue, N.E. on the afternoon of July 14, 1956, was negative.

Investigation in the 1100 block of Maryland Avenue, N.E., disclosed that an individual possibly identical with FRED HOCKETT resided on the second floor of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N.E. This individual allegedly owned a 1947-48 Plymouth station wagon. While SA SMART remained at the front of the above address, SA LOVE and Detective ZERWICK proceeded to the rear of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N.E., in an effort to locate HOCKETT's automobile to aid in his identification. SA LOVE and Detective ZERWICK observed a 1947-48 Plymouth station wagon bearing Florida license plate number 7-21399 parked in the rear of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N.E. SA LOVE and Detective ZERWICK observed the glove compartment of this automobile to contain various articles of paper and rags. They further observed an empty Coca Cola bottle on the front seat floor of this automobile and the aroma of kerosene. No entrance to this automobile was made or attempted, nor was anything removed or extracted therefrom. SA LOVE and Detective ZERWICK moved away from the automobile whereupon Detective ZERWICK rejoined SA SMART leaving SA LOVE to the rear of the residence of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N.E., should an individual possibly identical with HOCKETT attempt to depart before interview.

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On July 14, 1956, SA WALTER W. SMART, Jr., and Detective WILLIAM ZERWICK, Washington, D. C., Metropolitan Police Department, went together to the apartment located on the second floor of 1115 Maryland Avenue N.E.

Detective ZERWICK knocked at the door to the second floor apartment and identified himself as a policeman, displaying his badge to a young boy who came to the door. The boy called for his father, advising him that a policeman wanted to see him, and a voice from the rear of the apartment said, "Come in."

SA SMART and the Detective entered the apartment and a man, who later identified himself as HOCKETT, came into the front room and, before SA SMART could identify himself, demanded to know what was wanted. The Detective answered, saying that it would be appreciated if Mr. HOCKETT would go to the station and answer a few questions. HOCKETT demanded an explanation as to the nature of the questions. SA SMART at this time identified himself and attempted an explanation, being interrupted by HOCKETT, who said that an Agent had interviewed him that morning and he was tired of being bothered.

It was then explained to him that the purpose of the interview was to question him concerning the burning of some crosses during the night of July 13-14, 1956. HOCKETT said he knew about these crosses being burned, having read about them and having heard of them on a newscast. He denied having anything to do with the burning of these crosses or having any knowledge of who was responsible for these acts. He said that he had not left his home the previous evening and, furthermore, he could prove this by his wife, his children, and some relatives who were visiting. He added that he was in complete accordance with the burning of the crosses and stated that if he knew who burned these crosses, he wouldn't say who they were.

HOCKETT repeated that he had not left his home the previous evening and that he could prove this by

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his wife and children and relatives, whom he had picked up at the train station at 11 o'clock (he did not say a.m. or p.m.).

HOCKETT then demanded that the Agent and the Detective leave his home. His wife, who was talking at the same time, said that HOCKETT is an unemployed carpenter and had been sick in bed for the past two weeks with asthma. She said he also suffers from a heart condition and that she would refuse to allow him to leave the house with the policeman or with the Agent. She also demanded that SA SMART and the Detective leave, saying they had no right to barge into her home. It was explained that they were invited in, but both Mr. and Mrs. HOCKETT continued their demands for SMART and ZERWICK to leave.

During the above, both SMART and ZERWICK had asked HOCKETT on several occasions to accompany them to their office and he had refused, finally saying that he had been a policeman once himself and had studied some law and knew that he did not have to go with any officer unless he had a warrant for his arrest. He said, "If you want me to go with you, get a warrant." He also said that he intended to call his lawyer concerning this matter.

All the time that Mr. HOCKETT was talking, he was practically shouting and was using profane language.

After HOCKETT and his wife had demanded that the officers leave his home unless they had a warrant for his arrest, SA SMART and Detective ZERWICK departed.

During the course of the above interview, the odor of alcohol could be detected and HOCKETT gave every outward appearance of being under the influence of alcohol.

Subsequent to the above interview, Detective ZERWICK and SA LOVE observed HOCKETT to depart his residence in the above described Plymouth station wagon and proceed to a gasoline station at Lang Place and Bladensburg Road, N.E., where he made a telephone call in a sentry-type telephone booth. Thereafter he made a purchase in a liquor store and returned to his residence.

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RE INTERVIEW WITH FRED PLANT HOCKETT

The following investigation was conducted by
SAs CHARLES M. BEALL, JR., and JOSEPH I. WOODS:

On the morning of July 15, 1956, ^{Mrs} Mr. FRED PLANN HOCKETT was located at his apartment, Apartment 2, 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. W. Mr. HOCKETT responded to a knock on the door by reporting agents, at which time agents identified themselves as being with the FBI. Mr. HOCKETT then, after a short wait, invited the agents to the porch of his apartment, where the interview took place. It should be pointed out at this time that at no time did agents actually enter Mr. HOCKETT's apartment. The porch, above described, is in the front portion of the building. Present at most times during the interview besides reporting agents and HOCKETT was his wife, one MAUD CHAMBERS HOCKETT. *WMA-16-11*

Mr. HOCKETT was questioned relative to his alleged participation in instant matter, and at this point HOCKETT became somewhat incensed and questioned as to why the FBI was participating in this matter. It was pointed out to him that a complaint had been received by the FBI relative to the possible violation on his part of a Federal Statute, and this was the reason for the interview.

It should be noted at this point that during most of the interview HOCKETT was apparently co-operative however, at all times when pointed questions were asked of him, such as background information, etc., he refused to answer same. All background information relative to HOCKETT and his wife was, in fact, secured through pretext. From observation, HOCKETT is quite apparently controlled by his wife and she, on some instances, advised him not to furnish any information whatsoever.

All during the interview, HOCKETT expressed vehement anti-semitic and anti-Negro feelings. He also

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expressed complete displeasure at the action of the Supreme Court relative to anti-segregation and was most critical of the Government's viewpoint concerning anti-segregation. HOCKETT's wife, from appearances and statements she made during the interview, is even more anti-semitic and anti-Negro than her husband, and on at least one occasion became incoherent in her hatred of the Negro Race.

HOCKETT stated that he had read in the newspaper regarding the incident of the burning of the crosses and quite frankly agreed with what the people had done. He stated, however, that he had not in any way participated in this burning or in any way been involved. He volunteered the information that he thought that the method was rather childish, and that he had planned to do something about anti-segregation, however, was going to take it up through the Legislature. HOCKETT stated that as a matter of fact, he had been suffering from asthma and had spent all day Friday, Friday night and Saturday morning at home in his apartment. He stated that in fact he had left his home for approximately an hour on Friday evening, at which time he picked up his wife, who works at a local business establishment. HOCKETT advised that he had numerous witnesses to his activities on Friday evening and Saturday morning and started to name them, however, was interrupted by his wife. His wife advised that she did not wish anyone else involved in this matter. HOCKETT then stated that his wife and two children would be enough witnesses as to his activities.

HOCKETT was advised that certain statements had been made by another individual that he, HOCKETT, had in fact participated in a major way in the preparing and burning of the crosses and HOCKETT categorically denied any such connection. HOCKETT at this point advised that he would have been proud to have become a part of this activity and in fact, he would probably not furnish any information if he had it in his possession. He was questioned at this point whether or not he would furnish information involving himself and he stated that he would not.

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Mr. HOCKETT stated that in fact he saw ROWLEY's picture in the newspaper and could state to the best of his knowledge that he had never seen ROWLEY. He was questioned relative to his possible association with one JOHN LEE, and to this question he made the same answer that he had never heard of and could not recall ever having seen JOHN LEE. HOCKETT was asked whether he would furnish a written statement setting out the above information and he advised that he would. At this point his wife cautioned HOCKETT against such a statement, characterizing it as being illegal. At this point HOCKETT overruled his wife and a written statement was prepared for his signature. HOCKETT read the statement and was satisfied that it was true to the best of his knowledge, however, deferred signing same until he contacted his attorney. At his suggestion his wife attempted to contact his attorney, whom he identified as one NEULAN (phonetic). HOCKETT stated that his attorney resides in Arlington, Virginia. Efforts to contact this individual by his wife were negative and HOCKETT stated that he would contact the field office after he had received advice from his attorney regarding the signing of the statement.

For purpose of record, the statement prepared for HOCKETT's signature, which he orally stated was true, is set out as follows:

"July 15, 1956

"I. FRED P. HOCKETT, make the following voluntary statement to JOSEPH I. WOODS and CHARLES M. BEALL who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the F.B.I. U. S. Dept. of Justice. I have been advised that I do not have to make this statement and that it may be used in court. I have been advised that I have right of counsel. This statement is given free from any threats or promises.

"I had nothing whatsoever to do in planning or setting fire to the crosses that were burned early Sat. morning July 14, in front of the residences of Justice FRANKFURTER, Chief Justice WARREN, Senator LEHMAN, Solicitor Gen. SOBELOFF, and Mrs. DOUGLAS KING.

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"I was at home all day Friday July 13, 1956 and all Friday night and Saturday morning July 14. I did pick my wife up at about 5:00 P.M. July 13, however returned home immediately.

"I do not recall meeting RONALD ROWLEY and to the best of my knowledge I have never seen him.

"I do not recall ever meeting JOHN D. LEE and to the best of my knowledge I have never seen him."

Unsigned

A check of the D. C. City Telephone Directory reflects that there is an attorney, one WALTER J. NEWLON, Clarendon, Virginia, Telephone Number Jackson 8-4355. It is not known whether this attorney is identical with HOCKETT's claimed attorney, however, it is the only name similar. HOCKETT also stated that he has an attorney by the name of MORRIS BENSON, however, is not using him in this case.

There is no record in the Washington Field Office indices of WALTER J. NEWLON.

There are two Dies Committee references on a MORRIS BENSON. It is not known whether these references are identical with the attorney of HOCKETT.

As to the question of the signing of the statement HOCKETT made the statement to interviewing agents that after he had been interviewed on July 14, 1956, by a Police Officer and FBI agents, he had contacted his attorney, NEWLAN (phonetic) and NEWLAN advised him not to sign anything without his advice and also not to accompany any Police Officers or FBI Agents unless they had the proper legal warrant.

HOCKETT was questioned as to his membership in any organizations and he stated that he belonged to no organizations.

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It should be pointed out at this time that at the conclusion of the interview, HOCKETT reiterated that he had not participated in instant cross burning and at this point he was again asked the question if he had been implicated would he advise reporting agents of this fact. At this point he then stated that he would advise of his participation if he had been involved. This was completely different from his attitude at the start of the interview.

HOCKETT stated that in the event he had any information he would furnish it to interviewing agents and requested how he could contact them, and he was furnished with the appropriate information.

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LOCATING AND INTERVIEW OF JOHN DAVID LEE

A review of the Street Directory for the City of Alexandria by SA LIPSCOMB reflected that a person by the name of JOHN D. LEE, an employee of the Potomac Electric Power Company, resided at 428 N. Peyton Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

A review of the records of the Police Department, Alexandria, Virginia, by Officer BENJAMIN LESTER failed to reveal any record for JOHN D. LEE, 428 N. Peyton Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

On July 14, 1956, SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM and WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB interviewed JOHN DAVID LEE at the Resident Agency, Alexandria, Virginia. At that time, Mr. LEE advised that he was one of the participants in the burning of two crosses at the Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., during the night of July 13, 1956, or early morning of July 14, 1956. LEE stated he was present at the burning of those crosses, but he denied taking any active part in the burning of the crosses. He declined to identify the two other persons whom he said were present at the time those crosses were burned. He did say that he met those two persons at an unrevealed place in the Southeast area of Washington, D. C., earlier in the evening of July 13, 1956. JOHN DAVID LEE further stated he has no knowledge of where the crosses were built, where they were obtained, by whom obtained, or how they were transported to the Sheraton Park Hotel. Subject, LEE, denies handling or igniting any of the crosses, and he asserted that he has no knowledge concerning the burning of other crosses in the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland during the night of July 13, 1956, and early morning of July 14, 1956.

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Subject, LEE, went on to state that the crosses were burned to signify a protest of the Supreme Court's decision concerning integration.

LEE declined to furnish a signed statement concerning his activities during the evening of July 13, 1956, and early morning of July 14, 1956.

Subject, LEE, admits that he is associated with the White Citizens Council and that he has attended a meeting of the White Citizens Council in Washington, D. C., in June, 1956. LEE went on to say that he has endeavored to establish a White Citizens Council in Alexandria, Virginia, but that he has not been successful.

Fingerprints and palm prints were obtained from JOHN DAVID LEE and these have been hand-carried to the Identification Division of the Bureau on July 15, 1956.

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INVESTIGATION AT AMERICAN LEGION, KENNA-MAIN POST, 3201
NICHOLS AVENUE S.E.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA RICHARD B. LAVIN on July 15, 1956.

Mrs. NEALE BIGGS, 3125 Nichols Avenue S.E., advised that her brother-in-law, CLEM TRUNNELL, maintains a real estate office at 3123 Nichols Avenue S.E., and is responsible for the rental of the American Legion Hall located at 3201 Nichols Avenue S.E. Mrs. BIGGS advised that she herself knew nothing concerning the rental of the American Legion Hall and that her brother-in-law will not return to Washington, D. C., until either sometime late in the evening hours of July 15, 1956, or on Monday, July 16, 1956.

Mr. MARK M. MOORE, 3129 Ninth Place S.E., Assistant Adjutant of the American Legion, Kenna-Main, Number 32 Post, located at 3201 Nichols Avenue S.E., advised that CLEM TRUNNELL, a real estate agent, is responsible for the rental of the American Legion Hall. Mr. MOORE stated that he had received a check from Mr. TRUNNELL on July 14, 1956. Mr. MOORE exhibited this check, which reflects that it was drawn on the National Bank of Washington, Washington, D. C., payable to the Kenna-Main Post, Number 37, Inc., in the amount of \$10. The drawer of the check was listed as E. F. JOHNSTON, White Citizens Council (WCC) of the District of Columbia, Southeast Council. The date of the check was July 6, 1956. Mr. MOORE stated that he believed the American Legion Hall was rented on one other occasion and in checking through his records, he found the notation that the Hall was rented to EDGAR F. JOHNSTON on July 6, 1956. Mr. MOORE explained that neither he nor TRUNNELL was aware of exactly what type of an organization the WCC was and that they had had no prior dealings with JOHNSTON until he commenced to rent the Hall. As far as MOORE knows, the Hall is not rented to the WCC as a regular occurrence. MOORE supplied the information that the Hall was not rented to the WCC during the week of July 8-14, 1956, inclusive.

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Mr. MOORE stated that the names JOHN D. LEE, FRED HOCKETT, and RONALD E. ROWLEY were unknown to him and that they were not members of the American Legion Post. Mr. MOORE also stated that there is no carpenter shop or any kind of a workshop on the premises of the American Legion property.

Mr. MOORE explained that THOMAS E. CRANE, 2513 Southern Avenue S.E., was the Sergeant at Arms and general caretaker of the property and perhaps would know something concerning the rental of the Hall.

Mr. THOMAS E. CRANE, 2513 Southern Avenue S.E., advised that he is the Sergeant at Arms of the Kenna-Main American Legion Post, as well as the superintendent of the building. CRANE stated that he has no recollection of any organization meeting at the American Legion Hall under the name of the WCC. He stated, however, that most of the time he comes in the day after an organization has used the Hall and just cleans up. CRANE also stated that there is no carpenter shop or workshop of any kind on the premises of the Post.

The June, 1956, Washington, D. C., Telephone Directory lists an EDGAR F. JOHNSTON, residing at 1103 Bellevue S.E.

The physical appearance of the neighborhood in the vicinity of 1103 Bellevue Street S.E. reflects that it is an apartment house located in the Bellevue Terrace Apartments. An examination of the immediate vicinity did not reflect any garage or outbuilding which would indicate that a workshop could have been contained therein.

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EFFORTS TO LOCATE GERDA DOERR FOWLER

Efforts were made to locate this individual since investigation had disclosed that she is the girl friend of and had been going steady with RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, and might be familiar with his associates or any organizations that he might be a member.

On July 15, 1956, Mrs. MARY GOODE, 3425 Newton Street, Mt. Rainier, Maryland, advised SAs KENNETH J. CLIFFORD and ROBERT L. SHACKELFORD that she rents a room to GERDA DOERR FOWLER. Mrs. GOODE said that she knows this person to have been married and that she is presently separated from her husband. She stated that she believes Mr. FOWLER resides somewhere in Northern Maryland, and that as far as she knows GERDA uses the surname of FOWLER. Mrs. GOODE stated that GERDA had been going steady with RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY for the past two months and that she has met ROWLEY on several occasions. She said that she does not know anything about GERDA's personal background or does not know anything about ROWLEY's background. Mrs. GOODE further stated that GERDA DOERR FOWLER visits a girl friend named MARJORIE REED in Arlington, Virginia, on various week ends. She said that GERDA had stayed at home on Friday evening, July 13, 1956, but that she was not at home Saturday, July 14, 1956, or today and presumably had stayed with her girl friend in Arlington, Virginia. Mrs. GOODE said that GERDA is a very nice girl and that she is very quiet and considerate. She said that to her knowledge she had never been in any trouble.

Miss MARJORIE ANN REED, 5714 North 4th Street, Arlington, Virginia, advised SAs CLIFFORD and SHACKELFORD on July 15, 1956, that she is a girl friend and co-worker of GERDA DOERR FOWLER. She stated that she and Mrs. FOWLER had worked until 1:00 p.m. yesterday, July 14, 1956, at Government Employees Insurance Corporation, 14th and L Streets, N. W. Miss REED further stated that they returned to her home after work and that Mrs. FOWLER stayed until later on in the evening when Mr. ROWLEY picked her up. She stated that she believes Mrs. FOWLER accompanied Mr. ROWLEY and some friends on a trip to Virginia or West Virginia to pick up one of Mr. ROWLEY's aunts. She said that she did not know when to expect Mrs. FOWLER back and would presumably see her at work tomorrow, July 16, 1956.

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On July 15, 1956, Mrs. NEVA G. ROWLEY, 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia, advised SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM that her son, RONALD, and several of his friends went to Berkley Springs, West Virginia, this morning. Mrs. ROWLEY stated that her son was not expected back until either late tonight or early tomorrow morning.

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SEPARATE ACTION BEING TAKEN BY METROPOLITAN POLICE
DEPARTMENT

Deputy Chief EDGAR SCOTT advised SA GRANT E. NANNA on July 15, 1956, that the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., on July 16, 1956, would file the same charges against subjects JOHN DAVID LEE and FRED HOCKETT that were filed against ROWLEY on July 14, 1956 (violation of Title 22, Section 1113, D. C. Code). He stated that in the event HOCKETT was driving his station wagon with expired Florida license plates, an additional charge could be placed against him.

Deputy Chief SCOTT during the course of the day extended an invitation for LEE to come to the Metropolitan Police Department, but LEE could not do so until July 16, 1956. Chief SCOTT did not feel that he could take any other course except to see LEE on July 16, 1956, since he did not have a warrant for his arrest. He also preferred not to attempt to have HOCKETT appear at the Police Department on July 15, 1956.

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PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

The physical description of the evidence in this case is set out as follows:

A. (Burning at the residence of Mrs. DOUGLAS KING,
5402 Odell Road, Beltsville, Maryland)

The remains of the cross which had been burned at this location was exhibited by ARTHUR KING, son of Mrs. KING, the same having been thrown on a brush pile in the rear yard. The cross was observed to be "two inches by two inches" wood. The long section as about eight feet and the cross section five feet. They are fastened together with a carriage bolt with wing nut. At the bottom is a twelve inch length of 3/8 inch steel rod by means of which the cross could be plunged into the ground and be made to stand erect. The wood had been wrapped with what appears to be raw cotton and cheese cloth, the same being stapled to the wood with metal staples.

B. (Burning at residence of victim FRANKFURTER)

A cross located at the Seventh Precinct, Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Washington, D.C., was measured by SAs JOSEPH I. WOODS and WALTER E. HEUCKE on July 14, 1956. This cross was made of "two by two" lumber. The vertical beam was eight feet long with the cross beam measuring five feet. These two beams were joined by a bolt with a wing nut. The cross was covered with charred cotton batting stapled with 3/8 inch staples to the two by two's. In the bottom of the vertical beam was a 3/8 inch metal rod fourteen inches long. A hole had been bored in the vertical beam in which this metal rod had been inserted.

C. 1. (Burning at the residence of victims WARREN and
LEHMAN)

Two crosses were located at the Eighth Precinct, MPD, by SAs HEUCKE and WOODS on July 14, 1956. These two crosses were identical in measurement to the one set out in B above with the exception that one of the crosses was missing the metal rod.

C. 2. There was also found a placard which appeared to be made of tempered Masonite, dark brown in color, measuring nineteen inches by ten and one half inches on which was printed in white paint:

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EARLE WARREN
NIGGER
LOVER

C. 3. There was also found a placard of the same material as set in C. 2. above measuring sixteen and one-fourth inches by fifteen and three-fourths inches, on which had been printed with white paint:

HERBERT
LEHMAN
JEW

C. 4. There was found by SAs HEUCKE and WOODS, a metal rod of 3/8 inches diameter which had been bent and measured approximately fourteen inches.

D. (Burning at the residence of victim SOBELOFF)

One cross located at the Eighth Precinct, MPD, was measured by SAs WOOD and HEUCKE on July 14, 1956, and found to be identical in measurement and description to the cross set in B above.

D. 1. A placard which appeared to be made of tempered Masonite, dark brown in color, measuring nineteen and one-fourth inches by thirteen and one half inches on which had been printed in white paint the following:

ON
SOBELOFF
JEW

The first three letters of the name SOBELOFF had been underlined with white paint. The top portion of the placard had been burned out apparently eliminating the letters SIM.

The above placard was obtained by SA LEO I. PROSISE from SY FISHBEIN, City Desk, Washington Post and Times Herald newspaper on July 14, 1956.

On July 14, 1956, at 5:10 p.m. Station Clerk DONALD A. SMITH, Eighth Precinct Station, MPD, Washington, D.C., turned over to SA HEUCKE the crosses designated above as C. 1. and D. and the placards designated at C. 2. and C. 3. It is to be noted that these crosses did not bear any mark of identification

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as to whether they had come from the Sheraton Park Hotel or 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. SMITH stated that he did not know which had come from which place nor was there anything in his records to identify them.

Officer PAUL G. RESIGNATO, MPD, Washington, D.C., who was in the patrol car which answered the call at 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., advised SA HEUCKE on July 15, 1956, that he had not marked the cross found at that location for identification and that there would be no way for him to pick it out from the two found at the Sheraton Park Hotel. He stated that a patrolwaggon from the Seventh Precinct had actually taken the cross from 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., to the Eighth Precinct Station.

Officer PAUL F. REESE, who was in the patrol car which answered the call at the Sheraton Park Hotel, advised that he had not marked the two crosses for future identification and as a result would not be able to pick these two crosses out from the cross located at 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

On July 14, 1956, at 5:45 p.m. Officer JAMES ST. JOHN, Seventh Precinct Station, MPD, Washington, D.C., turned over to SA HEUCKE a cross which bore an identification tag revealing that it had been picked up from in front of JUSTICE FRANKFURTER's residence, 3018 Dumbarton Street, N.W. Officer ST. JOHN advised that Officer REVERDY C. ORME had turned this cross in to the Seventh Precinct Station.

The above four crosses and placards were taken by SA HEUCKE to the FBI Laboratory and turned over to SA J. T. FREEMAN at 6:02 p.m.

On the evening of July 14, 1956, the cross burned in front of the home of Mrs. DOUGLAS KING, 5402 Odell Road, Beltsville, Maryland, was delivered personally by SA FRANCIS JAHN to the FBI Laboratory where it was turned over to SA ROBERT FRAZIER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB, Richmond, Virginia.

The following items were obtained from the garage located at 605 N. Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia, July 14, 1956. This address is the residence of LAURENCE M. ROWLEY.

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1. A stick used for mixing paint.
2. A small scrap of cotton waste.
3. Partly used roll of electricians tape.
4. A sample (approximately two ounces) of white paint.
5. A large electricians staple.
6. A small staple.

The above items were delivered to the FBI Laboratory at 2:25 p.m. July 15, 1956, by SA LIPSCOMB.

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RESULTS OF LABORATORY EXAMINATION CONCERNING PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Concerning the items mentioned above, the following analysis by the FBI Laboratory has been made:

The five crosses have the same general appearances and construction and consist of vertical pieces approximately eight feet in length to which are bolted horizontal pieces approximately five feet in length. Each of the crosses with the exception of one received from the Eighth Precinct Station, MPD, Washington, D.C., had an iron rod approximately 3/8 inch in width.

The four horizontal pieces of the crosses with the exception of the cross received from 5402 Odell Road, Beltsville, Maryland, recovered by SA FRANCIS JAHN from ARTHUR KING, were identified as having been sawed with a circular saw from one board. The four vertical pieces of the crosses except the one received from ARTHUR KING and the horizontal pieces of the cross received from ARTHUR KING were identified as having been sawed with a circular saw from one board.

The vertical section of the cross received from ARTHUR KING is of one and 5/8 inches by two inches Sourthern Yellow Pine board and is different in dimension from all of the other boards submitted which are approximately one and 9/16 inches square Sourthern Yellow Pine.

The vertical and horizontal pieces of the crosses received from the residences of JUSTICE FRANKFURTER, Precinct Eight, and ARTHUR KING are fastened together with one-fourth inch by four inch machine bolt and wing nut. A lock washer is present under each wing nut. The two pieces of each of the crosses received from Precinct Eight are fastened together with a one-fourth inch by four inches carriage bolt and wing nut and a lock washer is present under each of the wing nuts.

It was not possible to associate these bolts, washers or nuts with a particular manufacturer or to associate any two with each other.

Approximately one-sixth of an ounce of a mixture of flammable petroleum hydrogen carbons were removed from portions of the cotton batting on the crosses received from

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the residence of JUSTICE FRANKFURTER, one of the crosses from Precinct Eight and the cross received from ARTHUR KING. No flammable fluid was removed from the cotton on the other two crosses. It was not possible to identify the grades of the petroleum hydrogen carbon used, however, the odor of the flammable fluids removed from these items suggested that kerosene or light fuel oil had been used.

The crosses received from the residence of JUSTICE FRANKFURTER and received from ARTHUR KING contained pieces of cotton cheese cloth. The one received from the residence of JUSTICE FRANKFURTER has an approximate yarn count of forty-three times thirty-seven while the count of the cheese cloth on the cross received from ARTHUR KING has an approximate count of sixty-two times fifty. Pieces of pink colored fabric composed of pink cotton and white filament viscose rayon yarns were found attached to one of the crosses received from the Eighth Precinct Station. This fabric is similar to some decorative fabric used for curtains, overdrapes and upholstery. Pieces of cotton sheeting or shirting having an approximate yarn count of seventy-four by seventy-four was found on one of the crosses received from the Eighth Precinct Station. Cotton batting containing considerable plant stems, leaves, blossoms, seed hulls, etc., was found on all specimens. This batting is similar to that used for packing and by upholsters. Horse hair similar to that used by upholsters was found on all crosses except one of the crosses received from the Eighth Precinct Station.

The material comprising the lettering on the placards which stated "SOBELOFF JEW " "EARLE WARREN NIGGER LOVER " and "HERBERT LEHMAN JEW" was found to be a glossy, white alkyd enamel, pigmented with titanium dioxide. The enamel present on these placards is similar in color, texture and composition and could be from the same source. The three placards were of 1/8 inch material but it was not possible to determine whether any two of these boards were originally parts of the same board.

The items which were recovered from the garage of LAURENCE M. ROWLEY were examined and it was determined that the paint on the stocks used for mixing paint and the paint contained in the two ounce sample were flat non-alkyd, white paints and different from the white paint found on the placards.

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The cotton waste was found to be different in composition from the cheese cloth and cotton batting which were on the crosses. The large staple approximately one and one half inches in length is an electricians staple and found to be different than the staples on the crosses. The small staple which is approximately one inch in length is a fencing staple and was also found to be different from the staples on the crosses.

The Laboratory determined that there was no evidence of any tape found on the crosses which could be compared with the sample of tape taken from ROWLEY's garage.

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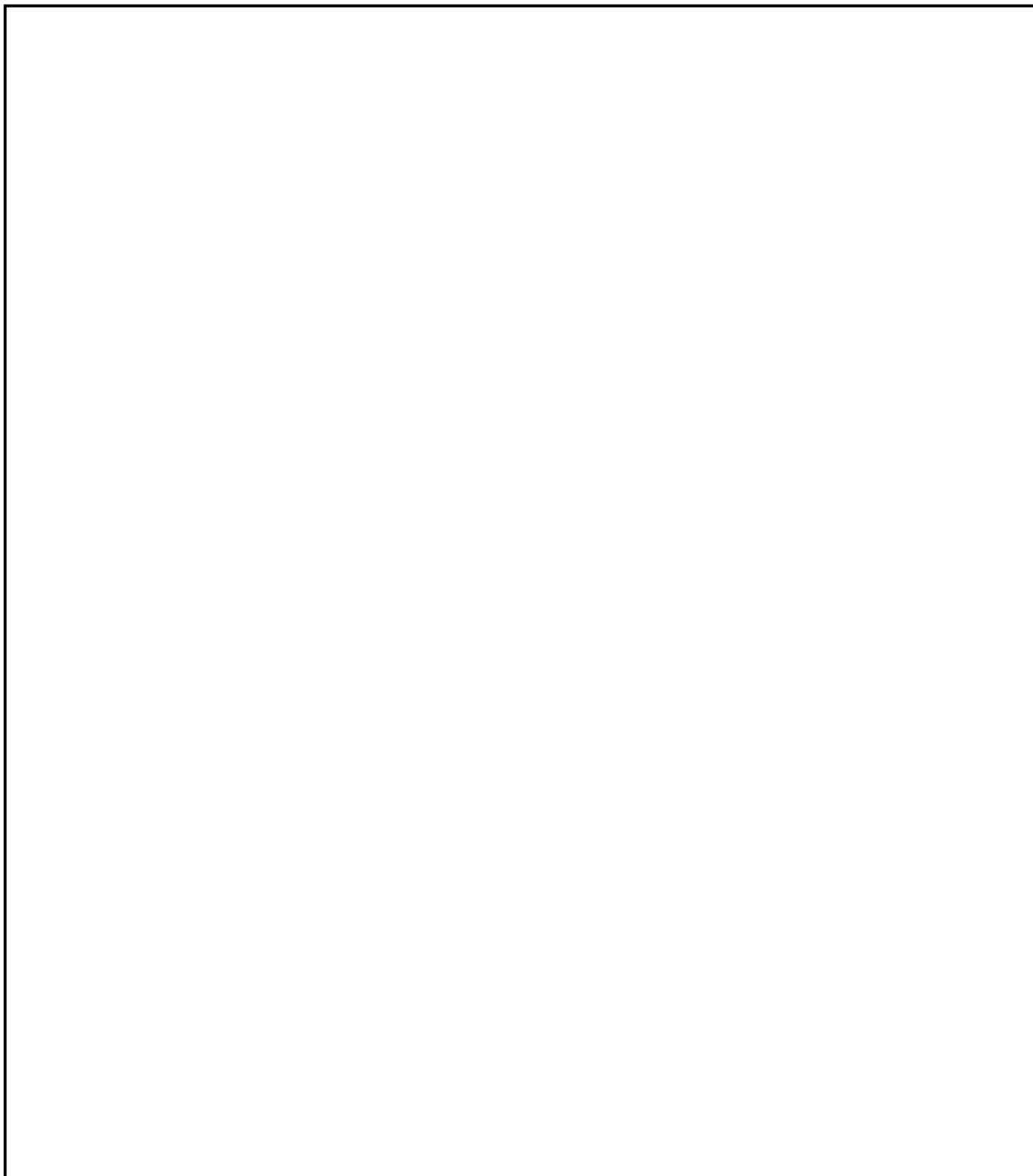
PROSECUTIVE OPINION

On July 14, 1956, SA KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE presented the facts in this case to Assistant United States Attorney FREDERICK G. SMITHSON with relation to subject ROWLEY. It is to be noted that at the time of this presentation subject ROWLEY was at the Washington Police Department and that Department was then in the act of charging ROWLEY with violation of the District of Columbia Code. Mr. SMITHSON was informed by SA DELAVIGNE that the local police were filing two charges against ROWLEY involving the kindling of a bon fire in connection with the two crosses burned at the Sheraton Park Hotel, these charges involving Title 22, Section 1113, of the District of Columbia Code. It was pointed out to Mr. SMITHSON that the local police would require deposit by ROWLEY of collateral totaling \$20.00; that ROWLEY then had such sum on his person and had indicated he would immediately deposit this collateral upon the filing of the charges. Mr. SMITHSON was advised the local police had indicated they would make no further attempt to hold ROWLEY, assuming he was able to deposit the collateral indicated.

Mr. SMITHSON stated he believed ROWLEY should be released on the basis of the collateral to be placed by him in connection with the local charges filed by the Washington Police Department. He stated that upon completion of the entire investigation, including that pertaining to the then two partially identified subjects (HOCKETT and LEE), he would give a final prosecutive opinion after he had had opportunity to review all of the facts developed. He stated such review would include consideration of all possible pertinent Federal Statutes, specifically including Sections 111 and 1503 of Title 18 of the United States Code.

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WPL:gjr IDENTIFICATION RECORD AND DESCRIPTION OF RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY:



A photograph of ROWLEY will be obtained.

The following physical description of ROWLEY was obtained by SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM, Jr. on July 14, 1956:

Name: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY
Address: 605 North Jefferson Street,
Arlington, Virginia
Telephone: JACKSON 7-7286
Race: White
Sex: Male
Date of Birth: November 14, 1931, at Springfield,
Massachusetts
Height: 5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight: 165 pounds
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Complexion: Fair
Scars or Marks: None prominent
Social Security:
Education: High School graduate;
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of college University
of Virginia Extension,
13th and Quincy Street,
North Arlington, Virginia
Occupation: Mechanic, American District
Telegraph Company,
609 I Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.
Relatives:
Father: LAURENCE M. ROWLEY
Mother: NEVA G. ROWLEY
Brothers: ALLAN L. ROWLEY, age 27;
LAURENCE D. ROWLEY, age 33.

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IDENTIFICATION RECORD AND DESCRIPTION OF
FRED PLANT HOCKETT:

EMORY A. MORGAN, Fingerprint Clerk, Identification Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, made available to SA WALTER W. SMART, Jr. on July 14, 1956, the following FBI Identification record #386675 for FRED PLANT HOCKETT:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, Miami, Fla.	FRED HOCKETT #--	7/16/21	Drunk	
SO, Miami, Fla.	FRED HOCKETT #--	12/6/21	escaped convict	
	#..., SO, Miami, Fla. 12/15/21 rel.; not wanted. Sketchy records indicate that subject was an escape from Boys' Reformatory, Marianna, Fla., at time of his apprehension per inf. rec. SO, Miami, Fla. 7/13/33.			
PD, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	FRED PLANT HOCKETT #5618	6/10/33	Loit. and Inv.	30 days Co. Jail
PD, Wash., D.C.	FRED PLANT HOCKETT #44550	6/10/33	inv.	sent. to 60 days Wash. Asylum & Jail
D.C. Jail, Wash, D.C.	FRED HOCKETT #656	7/13/33	asslt.	7/15/33, sent. to 60 das. D.C. WH, Occoquan, Va., rel. 9/2/33.
D. C. Jail, Wash., D.C.	FRED HOCKETT #656	3/5/35	contempt	48 hrs.
D.C. Jail, Wash., D.C.	FRED HOCKETT #656	6/8/35	non support of minor child - asslt.	6/18/35, 3 mos. run concurr. with asslt. sent., on 1st chg. 6/15/35 sent. \$25 or 25 days on 2nd chg.
D.C. Jail Wash, D.C.	FRED HOCKETT #656	10/1/35	threats	bond \$500. 180 days.
PD, Wash., D.C.	FRED PLANT HOCKETT #63305	5/7/37	housebreaking	nolle prosequi entered.
Commandant PRNC	FRED P. HOCKETT #NY5(NTC-G)	applicant for carpenter 7/8/42		

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>
Commandant, PRNC	FRED PLANT HOCKETT #NY5-CP-RCP	Carpenter 12/30/42
SOS, War Dept.	FRED P. HOCKETT #103-BOF-16	Carpenter 11/20/42 (prt rec 4/5/43)

A photograph of HOCKETT will be obtained.

Precinct Detective JOSEPH P. LYONS, Special Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department, made available on July 15, 1956, the MPD arrest record #63305 for FRED PLANT HOCKETT. That record reflected that he was born February 14, 1906, at Canton, Missouri. That record reflected numerous arrests of HOCKETT during the period 1928 to 1949, which included a number of assault and disorderly charges. A photostat of the MPD arrest record for HOCKETT is being maintained in the Washington Field Office file.

A physical description of HOCKETT, as obtained by SA WARREN L. LOVE and SA WALTER W. SMART, Jr. on July 14, 1956, is as follows:

Name	FRED HOCKETT
Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	42-45
Height	6' to 6'1"
Weight	215
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light brown, wavy
Marital Status	Married
Build	Heavy-muscular
Marks	Numerous tattoos on arms and chest
Residence	1115 Maryland Avenue, N.E., second floor
Complexion	Ruddy
Occupation	Carpenter - unemployed Drives 1947-48, tan, wood body station wagon, (parked in rear), bearing Florida tags #7-21399
Wife	MAUD CHAMBERS HOCKETT (2nd wife) from Roxboro, North Carolina
Children	girl 9, boy 12.

Military record: Claims 6 years Army and
Marine Corps, 1920's

(A full description of HOCKETT could not be
obtained due to his uncooperative attitude when asked
questions regarding his background.)

Miscellaneous: Numerous missing teeth.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD AND DESCRIPTION OF
JOHN DAVID LEE:

FBI Identification record #310057C for
JOHN DAVID LEE, dated July 15, 1956, is as follows:

<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name and Number</u>	<u>Arrested or Received</u>
FBI Richmond, Va.	JOHN DAVID LEE #---	F.P. 7/14/56 inquiry
SOS, ARMY	JOHN DAVID LEE #111-POE	4/9/43, appl for lineman, Potomac Electric Power Company.

A photograph of LEE is being obtained.

Precinct Detective JOSEPH P. LYONS, Special
Investigations Squad, Metropolitan Police Department,
advised SA JOHN J. GORMAN on July 15, 1956, that a check
of the files of the Criminal Division and the Special
Investigations Squad of the Metropolitan Police
Department reflected no previous record for JOHN DAVID
LEE.

The following physical description of JOHN
DAVID LEE was furnished by SA WOODROW LIPSCOMB, who
interviewed LEE on July 14, 1956:

Name	JOHN DAVID LEE
Date of Birth	October 5, 1899, Norfolk, Virginia
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5' 11"

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Weight	165
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black and gray - balding
Complexion	Dark - sun tanned
Build	Medium
Occupation	Lineman, PEPCO - Washington, D. C.
Military Service	None
Characteristics	left arm 1" shorter than right arm.
Marital Status	Married
Wife	LAVENIA
Children	<i>X Lee</i> MICHAEL, 14 years; <i>X Lee</i> PAMELA, 11 years.
Admitted arrests	None

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

As noted in body of report, the three crosses picked up at the Eighth Precinct Station cannot be positively identified as to which one came from 4545 Connecticut Ave., N.W., and as to which two came from the Sheraton Park Hotel. Inquiry has revealed that Officer CLYDE CARTER, MPD, Eighth Precinct, was the patrolman on duty at the Sheraton Park vicinity and that he might possibly identify the two crosses coming from the Sheraton Park Hotel. Officers W. J. ANDERSON and ALEXANDER, Seventh Precinct, MPD, were the two individuals who drove the patrolwagon which picked up the crosses and delivered them to the Precinct Stations. Officers CARTER, ALEXANDER and ANDERSON have been unavailable for interviews as they either have not been on duty and/or at their residences.

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BALTIMORE OFFICE (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is being designated for the Baltimore Office for information inasmuch as this office conducted active investigation as reflected herein.

RICHMOND OFFICE (INFORMATION)

A copy of this report is being designated for the Richmond Office for information inasmuch as this office conducted active investigation as reflected herein.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Will rediscuss this case with USA relative to prosecutive opinion.
2. Will follow with Deputy Chief EDGAR SCOTT, MPD, action to be taken concerning subjects LEE and HOCKETT.

REFERENCES: Telephone call from Bureau to WFO 7/14/56.
WFO airtel to Bureau 7/14/56.

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The Attorney General

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RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS;
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

I wanted to furnish you the results of the investigation conducted by this Bureau regarding the burning of five crosses in Washington, D. C., and Prince Georges County, Maryland, on the night of July 13 and 14, 1956. Enclosed herewith is a copy of an investigative report dated July 15, 1956, prepared by our Washington Field Office. A copy of this report is also being made available to Deputy Attorney General Rogers with a copy of this memorandum.

Briefly, the Metropolitan Police Department received information during the late evening of July 13, 1956, and the early morning of July 14, 1956, of the burning of five crosses in this area. Two of the crosses were burned on the premises of the Sheraton-Park Hotel where Chief Justice Earl Warren and Senator Herbert Lehman reside. A third was burned at the Brandywine Apartments, the residence of Solicitor General Simon Sobeloff. The fourth was burned at the residence of Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter and the fifth at the residence of Mrs. Douglas King of Beltsville, Maryland, who is the president of Prince Georges Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Small signs of anti-Semitic and anti-integration nature were found at the Sheraton-Park Hotel and in the vicinity of Solicitor General Sobeloff's home.

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The Attorney General

Lee admitted being a member of the White Citizens Council. He stated he participated in the burning of the crosses at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, but refused to identify his associates in such activity. Hockett denied any participation in the cross burnings and denied knowing the identity of any other individuals involved in this matter. Hockett was belligerent with the interviewing officers and ordered them from his home on one occasion. He expressed displeasure concerning the decisions by the Supreme Court regarding segregation and expressed anti-Semitic and anti-Negro feelings. Rowley claimed his action was based upon his conviction that the decisions by the Supreme Court as to segregation were unchristian and the actions of Chief Justice Warren and Senator Lehman are destroying white Christian civilization.

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The enclosed report sets forth details as to the investigation conducted to locate witnesses who might be able to identify the individuals responsible for the burning of crosses at the homes of Associate Justice Frankfurter, Solicitor General Sobeloff and Mrs. King. The investigation did not result in the location of any individuals who could furnish information to establish the identity of persons responsible for these actions.

On July 14, 1956, the Metropolitan Police Department charged Ronald Eugene Rowley with two violations of the District of Columbia Code, namely kindling a bonfire. Rowley posted collateral totaling \$20. He was released by the Metropolitan Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Frederick G. Smithson was advised of the facts in this matter on July 14, 1956. Mr. Smithson approved the release of Rowley on the basis of the collateral furnished in connection with the local charges and deferred his opinion as to possible prosecution of the subjects until a complete investigation had been conducted. Mr. Smithson stated that he would consider all possible violations including assaulting and intimidation of Federal officers and obstruction of justice.

The Attorney General

A copy of the enclosed report is being furnished to the United States Attorney's Office in Washington, D. C., and that office will be followed closely for an opinion as to prosecution. You will be advised of the results.

Enclosure

cc: 1-Mr. William P. Rogers (Enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Received 7/12/56

Re:

File # 89-816-2
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RONALD EDWARD BOWLEY;
JOHN DAVID LEE;
UNKNOWN (1)
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN,
ET AL, VICTIMS
Examination requested by:
ASSISTANT FEDERAL OFFICER

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Date of reference communication, Richmond (89-100) Date received:

Examination requested:

Let & visit 7/12/56

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Result of Examination: ~~Stainmark - Spectro. - Micro. Anal. (N & F)~~

Examination by:

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DONALDSON

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Specimens submitted for examination

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, WFO

RE: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2)
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN,
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER,
SENATOR HERBERT H. LEHMAN,
SOLICITOR GENERAL SIMON E. SOBELOFF
MRS. DOUGLAS KING - VICTIMS
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

(OO: WFO)

Crosses burned in vicinity of residences of victims during late evening of 7/13/56 or early morning of 7/14/56.

Pursuant to instruction of Assistant to the Director L. V. BOARDMAN, investigation conducted in concert with Metropolitan Police Department.

Two crosses burned on premises of Sheraton Park Hotel, residences of victims WARREN and LEHMAN. These crosses of wooden construction, 2" x 2", approximately 8' tall, 5' cross bar, bolted together in center. Metal pin at foot of cross for use in placing in ground. Cotton batting stapled to the wooden cross. From description of witness, material apparently soaked with inflammable material.

Two placards found in immediate vicinity of cross. Placard number one measuring 19" by 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " was composed of Masonite and bore in white paint the letters "EARLE WARREN NIGGER LOVER." Placard number two measuring 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ " by 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ " of same material bears inscription in white paint "HERBERT LEHMAN JEW."

JAMES A. COATES, Doorman, Sheraton Park Hotel, advised that about 12:30 a.m., July 14, 1956, he was en route home. As he left the Sheraton Park entrance he noticed two individuals placing two objects on the lawn in front of the Woodley Drug Store located at the Sheraton Park Hotel. COATES states that these individuals aroused his curiosity and he stopped his car, got out of his car, and observed these individuals strike a match and

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light the objects subsequently determined to be crosses. The crosses, according to COATES, apparently were saturated with inflammable substance as they burst into flame.

At time of observation, COATES stated he was 15' from these two individuals and observed them jump a hedge and get into two different automobiles. COATES unable to furnish much information on second car, however, he said he was concentrating on the license number of the car closer to him. This car, a late model Ford, bore 1956 Virginia license 306-529. COATES described the man who entered the car with this tag as a white male, 45 to 50 years of age, 5'11", 170 to 180 pounds, white short-sleeved sport shirt, straw hat. COATES was unable to furnish the description of the second individual.

COATES stated he promptly returned to the hotel, wrote the license number on a piece of paper, and gave the license number to the house detective.

MPD advised this license number listed to ALLEN L. ROWLEY, 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia, for a 1955 black and yellow Ford Victoria. MPD further advised that the Arlington Police had checked this car which was parked in front of the above address, and found the motor warm. MPD further advised that Arlington Police inquired of the occupant of 605 North Jefferson Street who stated the car was operated by his son who was not at home.

Above details furnished to SAC GRAPP of Richmond and Senior RA WOODROW LIPSCOMB, Alexandria, with request that investigation be conducted in conjunction with local police.

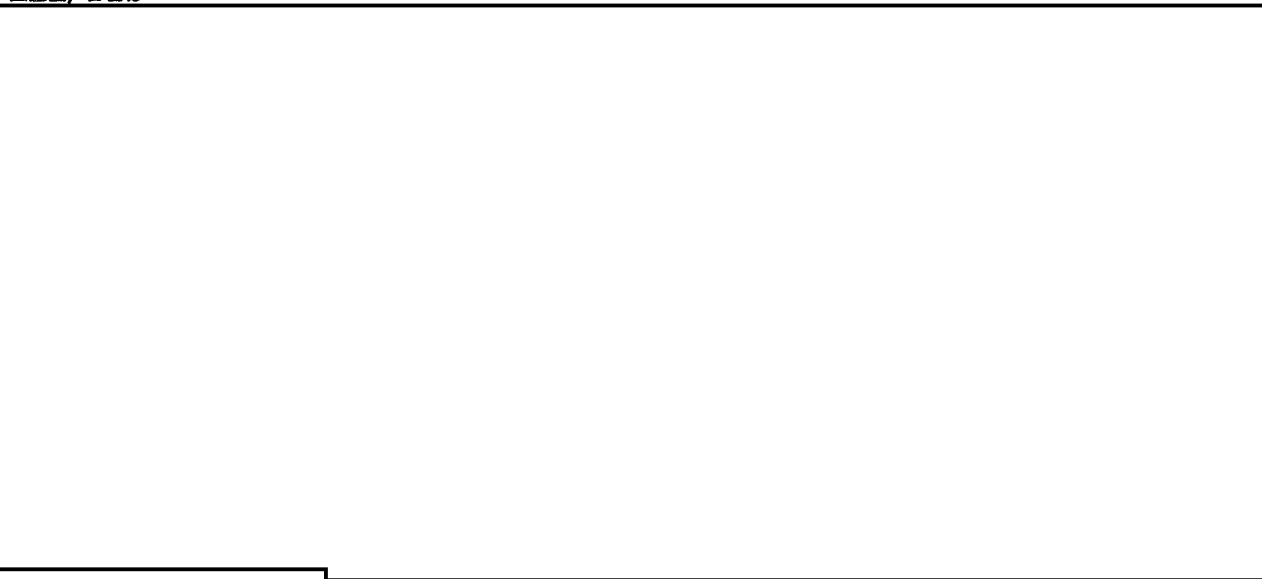
At request of Deputy Chief EDGAR SCOTT, MPD, ROWLEY voluntarily came to MPD headquarters where he was interviewed by SCOTT and Bureau agent. ROWLEY admitted that he was involved in instant matter.

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Hockett House-to-house canvas resulted in locating one FRED HOCKETT at 1115 Maryland Ave., N. E., in second floor apartment. HOCKETT, who appeared to be drinking, displayed belligerent attitude, and refused to permit interview by Bureau Agents and local police officer. HOCKETT stated that if he did have any info concerning subject matter of investigation, he would not furnish it since he was completely in sympathy with attitude expressed by cross burnings involved this case.

Following additional efforts by Agents and police officer to conduct interview, HOCKETT and his wife ordered officers out of their apartment with positive refusal to respond to questions or to co-operate in investigation in any way. Throughout these attempts, HOCKETT was both bellicose and profane.

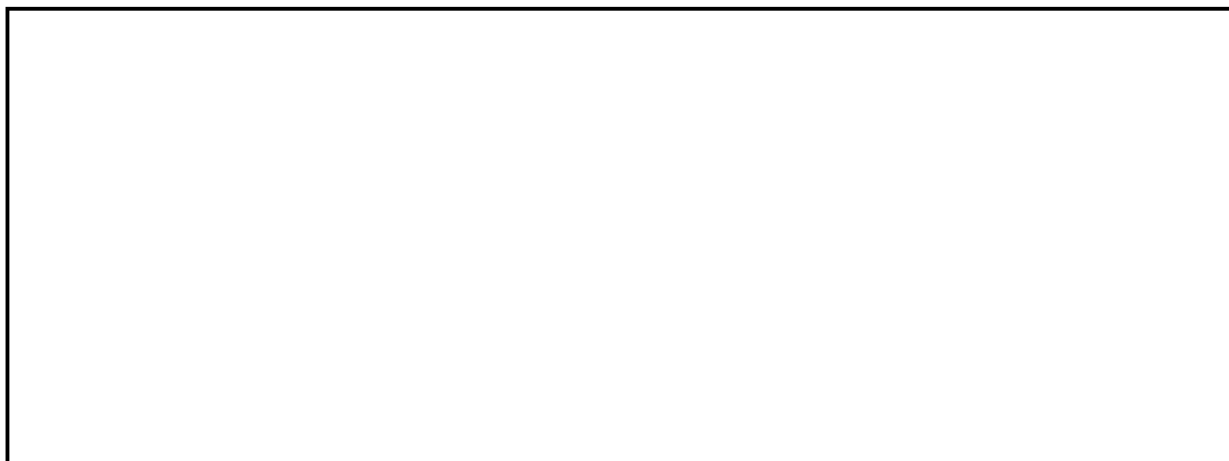
Shortly thereafter, HOCKETT observed to leave residence in car and surveillance undertaken which, at this dictation, is still in progress and results unknown. Investigation continued to determine whether HOCKETT actually participated in burnings as alleged by ROWLEY.

During the interview with HOCKETT, his wife stated he had been ill for the past two weeks with asthma and suffers from a heart condition.

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At termination of interview, ROWLEY charged by MPD with two violations of Title 22, Section 1113, of District of Columbia Code (kindling a bonfire), in connection with burning of two crosses at Sheraton Park Hotel. Following this, ROWLEY posted a total of \$20 collateral on these charges and was released by MPD.

During filing of MPD charges, facts concerning ROWLEY were presented to AUSA FREDERICK G. SMITHSON. SMITHSON stated he believed ROWLEY should be released on the basis of collateral furnished MPD in connection with local violations that upon completion of the entire investigation, including that concerning HOCKETT and LEE, he would give a final prosecutive opinion following review of all of the facts developed and in consideration of all possible Federal violations, particularly including Title 18, Section 111 and Section 1503. b6 b7C b7D



Investigation conducted concerning crosses burned at residences of victims SOBELOFF and FRANKFURTER negative insofar as no positive leads indicating identity of persons responsible. Inquiries have consisted of interviews in the neighborhood and location, or attempted location, of all known witnesses without developing any info of assistance.

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Crosses and placards involved in burnings in WDC obtained and submitted to Bureau Laboratory for appropriate examination.

Crosses appear to be similar in construction. Consideration being given to possibility that burnings result of organizational activity involving White Citizens Council. In this connection, Bureau attention invited to report SA RICHARD B. LAVIN, WFO, dated 7/11/56, entitled "WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL, IS - X," which incorporated activities of June 15 meeting of this group at Annapolis Hotel. As reflected therein, according to persons in attendance at this meeting, no violent means of attaining the objectives or the aims of the organization were discussed. Today SA LAVIN made a pretext call to JOHN KASPER, organizer of the White Citizens Council in WDC, at which time KASPER stated that he thoroughly disapproved of the burning of the crosses which he had learned about from the radio and newspapers and that his organization was in no way involved. KASPER asserted his organization interested only in bringing about Supreme Court decision ^{REVEREND} ~~RE~~ segregation by peaceful means and not by causing hatred.

Investigation being continued, and Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments.

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ADDENDUM:

Since the dictation of the above, it has been determined that HOCKETT, upon departing from his residence in a 1947 Plymouth station wagon bearing Florida Tag #7-21399, proceeded to a nearby gas station where he was observed to make a telephone call lasting approximately ten minutes. The call was made from a sentry-type booth out in the open, and Agents were unable to obtain any information regarding the call. HOCKETT made a purchase at a liquor store and subsequently returned to his residence.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

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DATE: July 15, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price *JP*

SUBJECT:

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CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIM;
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

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Fred Plant Hockett

[redacted] has stated he plans to sue the Bureau and the Metropolitan Police Department for one million dollars. Hockett stated officers of Bureau and Metropolitan Police had forced their way into his apartment on 7/14/56, and acted in a belligerent manner. He alleged that he observed a "cop" searching the glove compartment of his car and he later noted the contents had been scattered on the floor of the car.

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On 7/15/56, Hockett was reinterviewed in connection with the instant case by Bureau Agents and denied being involved in the case or knowing the other subjects. Hockett stated individuals who interviewed him previously had forced their way into his apartment and were belligerent. Upon questioning Hockett admitted that the one who had identified himself as an Agent had acted like a gentleman and police officer was the individual who had forced his way in and treated him in unpolite manner. In view of his uncooperative and belligerent attitude Hockett was not questioned further about the allegations as it was believed further discussion would prevent the possibility of ascertaining his position in instant case.

Fred P.

On 7/14/56, [redacted]

SA Warren L. Love and Detective William Zerwick of the Metropolitan Police observed a 1946 station wagon in the rear of 1115 Maryland Avenue, Northeast. SA Love stated neither he nor Detective Zerwick had entered the automobile or had physical access to any of its contents. They observed the odor of kerosene in the vicinity of the car. The glove compartment was open and numerous articles were noted being in the compartment, but Agent Love nor the officer did not touch the contents. While Detective Zerwick and another Agent interviewed Hockett in the apartment Agent Love remained in the back, but did not touch the automobile.

SA Walter W. Smart, Jr. stated that he and Zerwick entered Hockett's apartment after knocking and after Hockett asked them to come

cc: Mr. Nichols
Mr. Mohr

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in. He stated Hockett appeared to be under the influence of alcohol, was belligerent, profane and declined to furnish any information and denied demanded that the officer and Agent Smart leave the apartment.

Statements of Agents and detailed memo from SAC Washington Field attached.

RECOMMENDATION OF SAC:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION:

(2) In view of Hockett's actions in this matter and his belligerent attitude, Washington Field should not have an Agent recontact Hockett to straighten him out regarding the conduct of Bureau Agents. If Hockett contacts a representative of the Washington Field Office and mentions the alleged mistreatment he should be firmly advised of the actual facts.

7/17/56 - ASDC Fletcher,
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/15/56

FROM : SAC, WFO (89-42)

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CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL;
VICTIMS - ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

In the early evening of July 14, 1956, FRED PLANT HOCKETT, one of the subjects in this case, was interviewed at his residence, 1115 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C., by SA WALTER W. SMART, Jr., and Detective WILLIAM ZERWICK of the Metropolitan Police Department.

As reflected in WFO airtel to the Bureau dated 7/14/56 and the report of SA KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE dated 7/15/56, HOCKETT appeared to be drinking at the time, was belligerent and refused to be interviewed by Bureau Agent and the local police officer. As a matter of fact, HOCKETT and his wife ordered the officers out of their apartment, positively refusing to respond to questions or cooperate in any way. During the interview, HOCKETT was belligerent and profane.

Prior to this attempted interview, SA WARREN L. LOVE and Detective WILLIAM ZERWICK of the MPD noted a 1947 or 1948 Plymouth station wagon with Florida license plate parked in the rear of this address. It will be recalled that one of the items related by ROWLEY concerning HOCKETT was that he did possess such a vehicle. SA LOVE and Detective ZERWICK visually observed the station wagon and noted that the glove compartment was opened and stuffed with various items. They also observed an empty Coca Cola bottle on the floor of the front seat. Neither LOVE nor ZERWICK opened the car or entered it in any way.

Because of HOCKETT's alleged involvement in this case, it was felt that an attempt should be made to reinterview him. It was felt that HOCKETT, who appeared to be drinking last night, may have sobered and be in a better condition to be interviewed.

Today, SAs JOSEPH I. WOODS and CHARLES M. BEALL, Jr., of the Washington Field Office interviewed HOCKETT at his residence. At the inception of the interview, HOCKETT stated he was going to sue the FBI and the Metropolitan Police Department for \$1,000,000.00 on account of their action on the preceding day, July 14, 1956. HOCKETT was cordial, responded to questions although he denied participation in this case. During today's interview HOCKETT stated that he had been talked to on July 14, 1956, by an FBI Agent and representative of the Metropolitan Police Department. He asserted

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that these individuals practically forced their way into his apartment and acted in an antagonistic manner.

The Agents questioned HOCKETT vigorously concerning this matter and specifically regarding the actions of the FBI Agent, asking him for particulars. HOCKETT then changed his story stating that the man who acted so forceful was the MPD representative and not the Bureau Agent. In fact, HOCKETT admitted that the Bureau Agent in no way acted out of line but in fact was gentlemanly.

HOCKETT then stated that he had seen a "cop" searching his automobile which he described as a station wagon, and which he said was parked in the rear of his apartment. HOCKETT claimed that this "cop" had taken things from his glove compartment and thrown them on the floor.

As noted above, Detective ZERWICK of the MPD and SA WARREN L. LOVE visually observed HOCKETT's station wagon but did not open or enter it in any way.

HOCKETT is FBI number 386675 and MPD record number 63305. These records reflect that HOCKETT has been arrested on numerous occasions during the period 1928 through 1949 on various charges, including a number of assault and disorderly arrests.

HOCKETT was the subject of an Impersonation investigation by the Bureau in November of 1938, on a charge of impersonating a Deputy United States Marshal. Prosecution was declined by Assistant United States Attorney, Richmond.

This office will take appropriate steps to insure that the Bureau is notified promptly in the event HOCKETT goes through with this threat.

Attached are separate memoranda prepared by SAs WARREN L. LOVE and WALTER W. SMART, Jr., incorporating the details of their actions in connection with their investigation of HOCKETT. Also attached is a joint memorandum prepared by SAs JOSEPH I. WOODS and CHARLES M. BEALL, JR., regarding the interview of HOCKETT today.

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RE: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL;
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I personally talked to Detective WILLIAM ZERWICK on the telephone for the purpose of arranging an interview with him concerning this matter. ZERWICK stated that he would appreciate if any detailed interview might be deferred until tomorrow since he was short handed and they were busy at police headquarters. He apprized ZERWICK of the allegations made by HOCKETT concerning the activities of him and SAs SMART and LOVE on 7/14/56. ZERWICK absolutely denied that there was any untoward action of any sort in his contact with HOCKETT, either on the part of himself or the Bureau representatives. ZERWICK stated that he regarded HOCKETT, who was under the influence of liquor, at the time of contact with him yesterday, as being "a mental case." ZERWICK said he would be happy to cooperate with the Bureau in any manner regarding this charge.

RECOMMENDATION: No administrative action.

ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU:

Memoranda prepared by SAs WARREN L. LOVE and WALTER W. SMART, Jr., incorporating details of their actions in this case.

Joint memorandum of SAs JOSEPH I. WOODS and CHARLES M. BEALL, Jr.

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CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL;
VICTIM - ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER
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TO : SAC, WFO (89-42)

DATE: 7/15/56

FROM : SA WARREN L. LOVE

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SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL;
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[REDACTED] it was determined that one FRED HOCKETT who possesses a 1946 Plymouth station wagon, bearing Florida tags, was implicated along with ROWLEY in the burning of crosses on the lawn of the Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., on 7/13 and 14/56.

SAs WALTER W. SMART and WARREN L. LOVE were assigned on 7/14/56 to locate and interview the above HOCKETT. At the request of Deputy Chief EDGAR SCOTT, Dt. WILLIAM ZERWICK of the MPD accompanied the above Agents on the above assignment.

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Investigation in the 1300 block of Maryland Avenue, N. E., on the afternoon of 7/14/56 was negative.

Investigation in the 1100 block of Maryland Avenue, N. E., disclosed that an individual possibly identical with FRED HOCKETT resided on the second floor of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E. This individual was alleged to possess or own the 1946 Plymouth station wagon. In order to verify the above and to establish the identity of HOCKETT, SA SMART remained in the front of the above residence while Dt. ZERWICK and SA LOVE proceeded to the rear of the above residence to verify the presence of the above described vehicle. Dt. ZERWICK and SA LOVE arrived at the rear of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E., on foot at approximately 6:15 p.m. At the rear of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E., and adjacent to the alley, Dt. ZERWICK and SA LOVE observed a 1946 tan, wood panel

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Plymouth station wagon, not bearing tags on the front. Dt. ZERWICK and SA LOVE proceeded to the rear of this automobile and observed that it bore Florida license plate #7-21399. Dt. ZERWICK and SA LOVE then proceeded back along side of this automobile and stopped momentarily at the right front door of same. SA LOVE, with Dt. ZERWICK present, looked into this automobile through the window area of the right front door. This window was down. SA LOVE observed that the glove compartment door was down and its contents appeared to consist of several small cardboard boxes, some papers and rags all of which seemed to completely jam the compartment. It was not possible to secure further information concerning the contents visually and no physical extraction of the contents was made or attempted by SA LOVE or Dt. ZERWICK. While standing at the right front door of this automobile, SA LOVE observed an empty Coca-Cola bottle on the floor and noticed the aroma of kerosene. This was called to the attention of Dt. ZERWICK who verified the presence of kerosene in the vicinity of the automobile.

At this point Dt. ZERWICK and SA LOVE moved away from this automobile to the alley approximately five feet away. It was agreed that Dt. ZERWICK and SA SMART would enter 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E., from the front and SA LOVE would remain in the rear of this address to cut off any attempted escape by HOCKETT through the rear. Dt. ZERWICK immediately departed on foot at approximately 6:20 p.m. to join SA SMART for the above purpose.

SA LOVE remained at the rear of the residence at 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E., most of the time he stationed himself on property which appeared to be the property at 1113 Maryland Avenue, N. E., or in the alley at the rear of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E. On one occasion SA LOVE was approached by an unidentified woman who inquired as to his identity and nature of his business. SA LOVE extracted his credentials and made them available to this unidentified woman. She related, "Oh!" and then added something to the effect that you never know about strangers in the neighborhood. SA LOVE inquired of this woman as to her identity since it appeared that she was headed into the rear of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E. She replied, "I didn't say," whereupon she entered the rear of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E. SA LOVE

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remained at the above stations until approximately 6:45 p.m. observing no unusual activity. At approximately 6:45 p.m. an individual, whose identity was subsequently determined to be FRED HOCKETT, appeared at the screen door at the rear of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E., accompanied by the above unidentified woman who is believed identical to HOCKETT's wife. HOCKETT, addressing SA LOVE, stated that he could leave as the others had left. SA LOVE remained at his station not accepting the word of HOCKETT. One minute later SA SMART and Dt. ZERWICK approached SA LOVE by automobile and SA LOVE joined them and left the area.

At no time during the above periods did SA LOVE or Dt. ZERWICK enter the above automobile or have physically access to it in any way. The investigation with respect to this automobile was visual only.

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TO : SAC, WFO (89-42)

DATE: 7/15/56

FROM : SA WALTER W. SMART, JR.

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL,
VICTIMS, ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

On 7/14/56 the writer, along with SA WARREN L. LOVE and Detective WILLIAM ZERWICK, MPD, went to Maryland, N.E., in an attempt to locate the suspect, FRED HOCKETT. After several inquiries it was determined that an individual, possibly identical with HOCKETT, resided on the second floor at 1115 Maryland Ave., N.E.

One of the points of identity of HOCKETT was that he drove a 1946 or 1947 Plymouth station wagon, with Florida license plates. It was reported that a similar vehicle was parked in the rear of 1115 Maryland Ave., N.E.

SA LOVE and Detective ZERWICK proceeded to the rear of 1115 Maryland Ave., N.E. to determine if such an automobile was there. The writer remained in the front of this address to question HOCKETT if he should leave his residence.

The writer did not see the station wagon until after an interview with HOCKETT, in his residence, which the writer conducted with Detective ZERWICK, after ZERWICK returned from the rear of this address.

Prior to the interview with HOCKETT Detective ZERWICK had knocked on the door to HOCKETT's residence, a young boy had come to the door to HOCKETT's residence, called to the rear that the police wanted to see his father, and a voice from the rear of the apartment said "Come in."

During the interview with HOCKETT the odor of alcohol was detected and HOCKETT appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. Also he was belligerent and profane and he terminated the interview by demanding that the writer and Detective ZERWICK leave his house, which was done.

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(1) *bas*

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Following the interview with HOCKETT the writer and Detective ZERWICK drove to the rear of 1115 Maryland Avenue, N.E., and picked up SA LOVE.

At no time did the writer see SA LOVE near the car in question.

I also wish to state that at no time while in HOCKETT's home, in the vicinity of his home or in his presence did I ever conduct myself in any manner, other than that of a gentleman.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, WFO (89-42)

DATE: July 15, 1956

FROM : SA CHARLES M. BEALL
SA JOSEPH I. WOODSSUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY,
et al; CHIEF JUSTICE
EARL WARREN, et al.-VICTIM
ASSAULT OF FEDERAL OFFICER

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② - Washington Field

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SAC, WFO (89-42)

July 15, 1956

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SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (89-42)

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL; CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ETAL,
VICTIMS; AFO.

Rerep SA Kenneth T. Delavigne, 7-15-56,
Washington Field.

You should follow U. S. Attorney closely and
advise Bureau of opinion of U. S. Attorney as soon as same
available.

You should also closely follow action taken by
Metropolitan Police Department with regard to subjects Lee
and Hockett and promptly advise Bureau as to this action.

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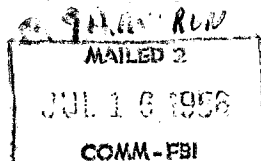
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Evidence Receipt (to be used in lieu of correspondence covering evidence submissions to the Laboratory)

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Agency submitting evidence SAC, Baltimore		Date 7/14/56
		Laboratory # PC-45544 BX
Delivered by Francis K. Jahn	Accepted by Frazier	
Suspect WALTER EUGENE ROWLEY, UNSUB;	Victim MRS. DOUGLAS[®] KING, ET AL	
Offense ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICERS MISCELLANEOUS	Place and date of offense	

Brief Facts covering case

mailed 6-1

Burning of cross in front of home of Mrs. Douglas King

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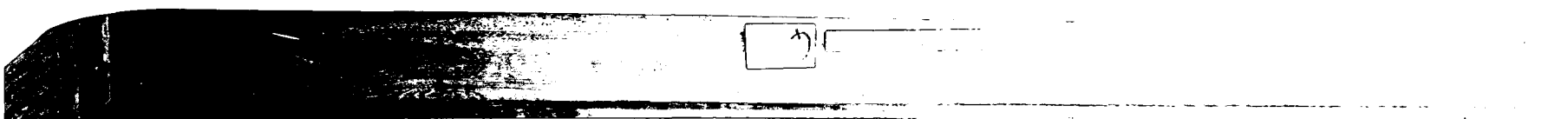
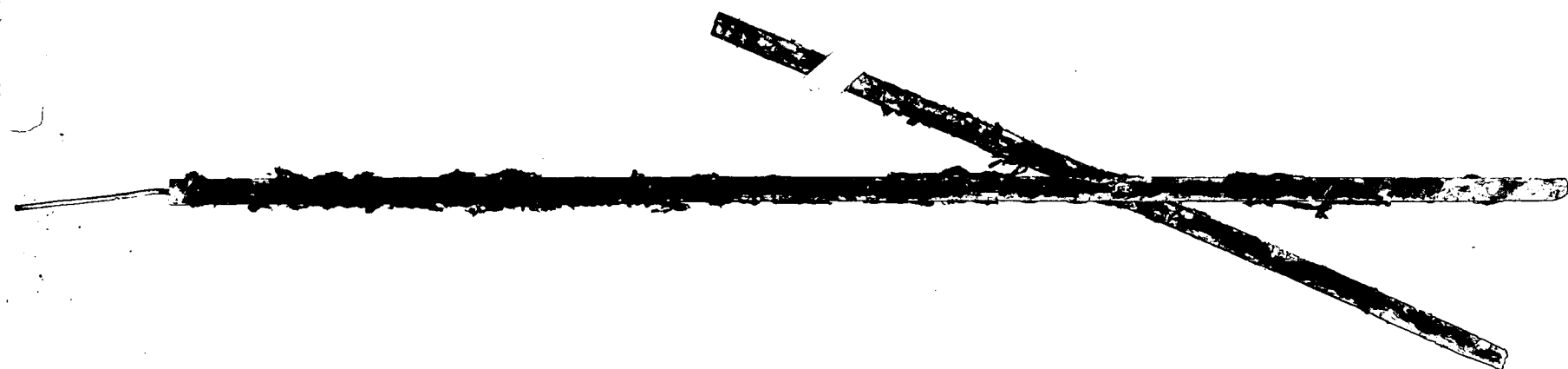
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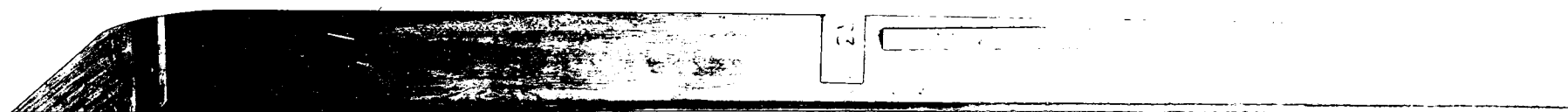
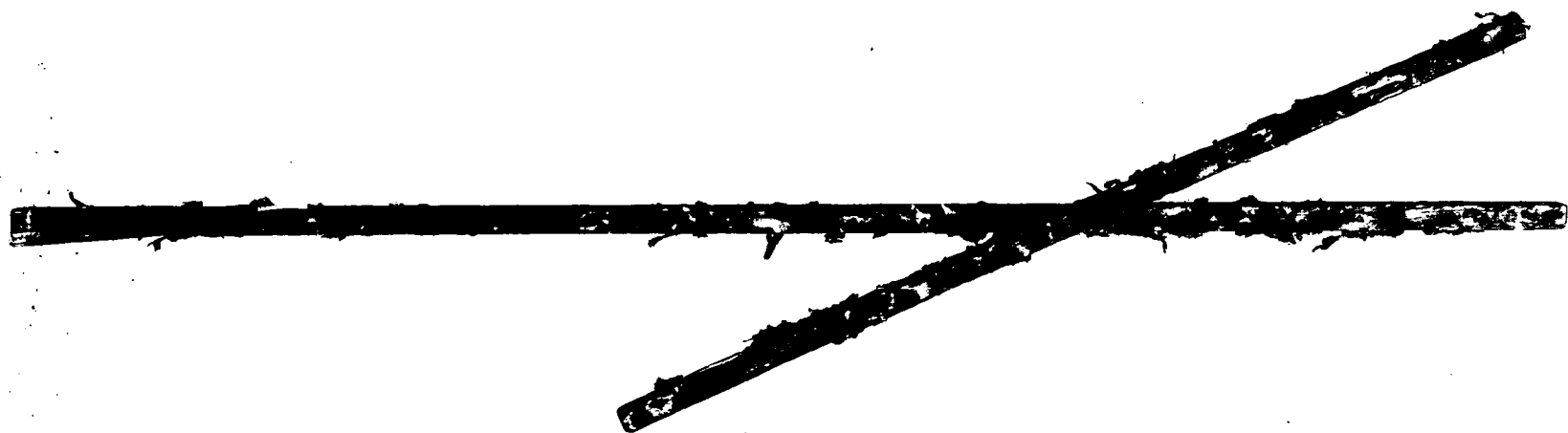
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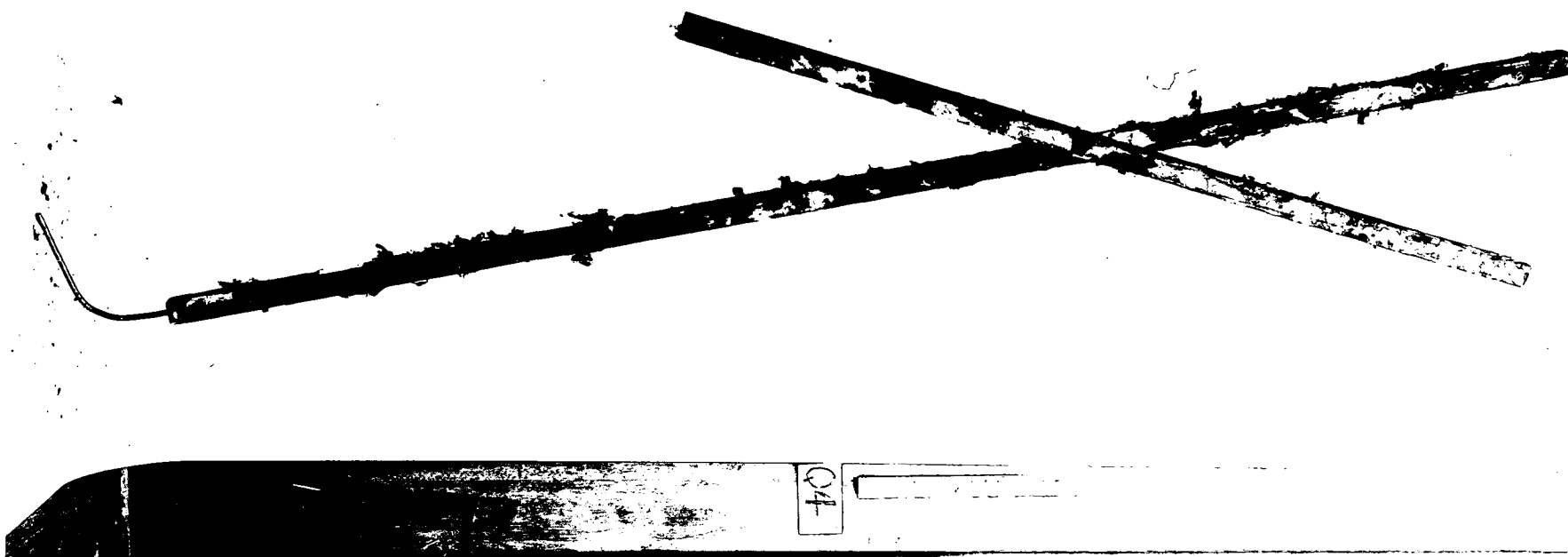
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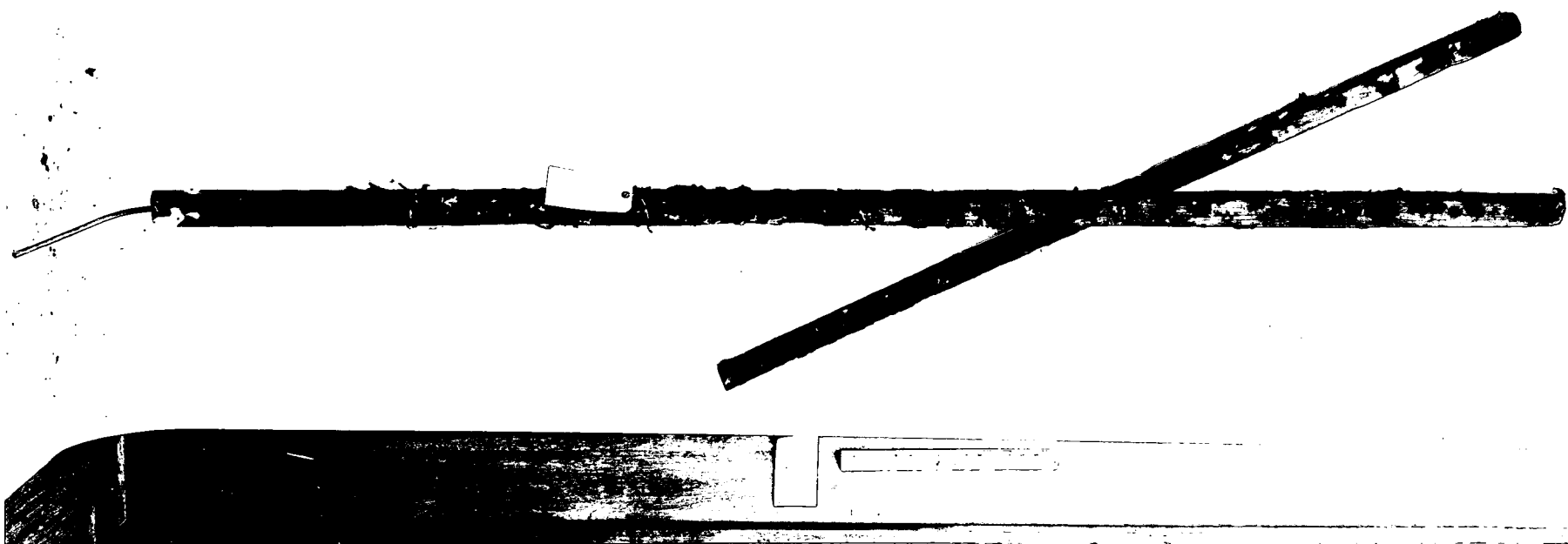
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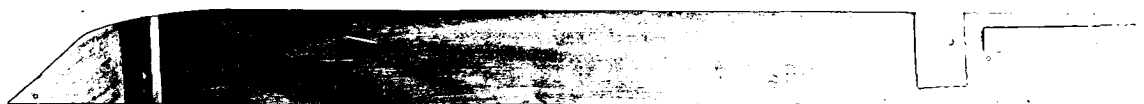
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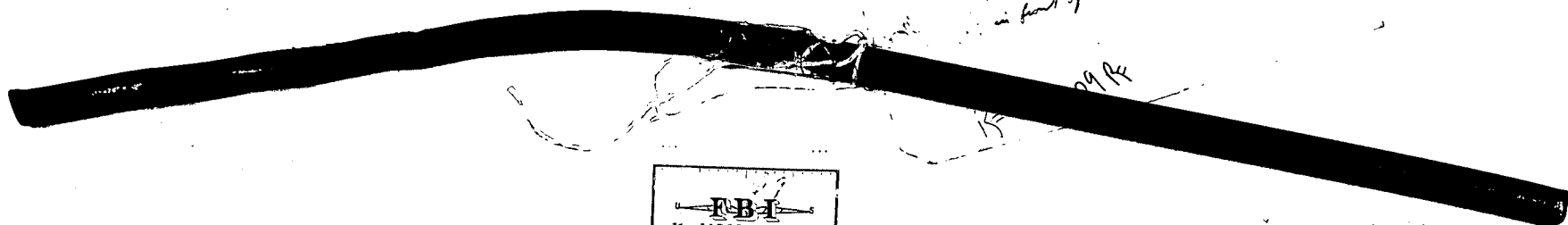












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Agency submitting evidence Washington Field Office		Date 7/14/56
		Laboratory # PC-45544 BX
Delivered by SA Walter Heucke	Accepted by Freeman, for Frazier	
Suspect Ronald Eugene Rowley, Subject UNSUBS	Victims Felix Frankfurter, Simon Sobeloff Earl Warren, Herbert Lehman & Mrs. Douglas King	
Offense ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICERS MISCELLANEOUS	Place and date of offense Washington, D. C. 7/14/56	
Brief Facts covering case Burning crosses, recovered by Metrop. Pd., picked up in groups, one tagged (Item A), plading signs		
Prev. exams this case <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Evid. located Room # 7416	Report to be directed to Washington Field
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Evidence Q1 Burned cross found at home of Felix Frankfurter, 3018 Dunbarton RD, NW Q2 Burned cross found Q3 Burned cross found at Park Sheraton Hotel (Item c) Q4 Burned cross Hardboard sign reading "Earle Warren Nigger Lover" found at Park Sheraton Hotel Hardboard sign reading "Herbert Lehman Jew" found at Park Sheraton Hotel		
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Agency submitting evidence SAC, WFO		Date 7/14/56
		Laboratory # PC-45544 BX
Delivered by SAS Leo I. Prosise & Paul Ertzinger	Accepted by Frazier	
Subject WALTER EUGENE ROWLEY, Subject UNSUBS	Victim Earl Warren, Felix Frankfurter, Herbert Lehman, Simon Soberloff, Mrs. Douglas King	
Offense ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICERS, MISC.	Place and date of offense 4545 Conn. Ave. 7/14/56	
Brief Facts covering case Burned sign recovered from Cy Fishbein, Washington Post Newspaper, Compare with other signs		
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Q6 Hardboard sign reading 13x1 1/2".....on Sobelov Jew", 13 1/2" x 19 1/4"

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

GIP 8
July 18, 1956

Director, FBI

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RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL.
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS
ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

Attached hereto is a copy of a memorandum directed to the
Attorney General in connection with his inquiry of July 16, 1956.

This is being submitted for your information, and additional
pertinent data will be brought to your attention.

Enclosure

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: July 14, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price *gfr*

Time of Call: 1:30 p.m.

SUBJECT:

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY
 UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2)
 CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN - VICTIM
 SENATOR HERBERT LEHMAN - VICTIM
 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER - VICTIM
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 ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

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SAC Laughlin advised that Rowley has admitted to Deputy Chief of Police Edgar Scott of the Metropolitan Police Department and a Bureau Agent that he made the two crosses which had been burned at the Sheraton Park Hotel on the early morning of July 14, 1956. Rowley admitted being present with two other men whom he declines to identify. He stated this was a personal matter and had to do with the racial integration issue.

On the night of July 13, 1956, and the early morning of July 14, 1956, four crosses were burned in the Washington area and one in front of the home of Mrs. King, head of the Prince George's Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who resides at 5402 Odell Road, Beltsville, Maryland. Crosses consisted of pieces of lumber two inches by two inches and the upright was approximately eight feet long and the crossarm four feet. The wood was fastened together with a carriage bolt and a piece of iron was attached to the upright so that it could be driven into the ground. Raw cotton and cheesecloth were stapled to the wood so the material could be readily ignited.

The doorman at the Sheraton Park Hotel had observed individuals lighting the cross and leaving in a Ford which had Virginia license tag. The license number was traced and was found to be registered under Allen Loring Rowley. Subject Ronald Eugene Rowley declined to be interviewed by Bureau Agent unless attorney was present, but Rowley accepted invitation by Deputy Chief Scott to proceed to the Metropolitan Police Department where he was interviewed and made an oral admission. Signed statement being obtained.

ACTION:

Supervisor Delevaigne was instructed that when Metropolitan Police present the facts in local charges that the facts should be

cc: Mr. Nichols

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

presented to the United States Attorney for possible violation of the Federal Statutes and that the investigation should proceed vigorously to identify the individuals who were with Rowley.

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ADDENDUM: CLM

At 2:40 p.m. SA Lipscomb, Alexandria Resident Agent, advised that interview with the parents of subject Rowley revealed that Rowley is a member of the White Citizens Council in Washington, D. C., and had told his mother when asked where he was last night "We just burned some crosses over in town" (by "in town" Mrs. Rowley understood her son to mean Washington, D. C.). Rowley has been employed for two years by the American District Telegraph Company as an installer of burglary alarms and electrical detection devices. Bureau indices contained no information identifiable with Rowley.

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to USIA*

*memo for + Rogers 7/16/56 FGB
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*Get memo & report to A. J.
Rogers; along with U. S. Atty.
at office.*

5:14 PM

July 17, 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. BOARDMAN
MR. ROSEN
MR. NICHOLS

E2H Warren victim

I called the Attorney General with reference to the recent incidents involving the burning of crosses on the lawns of the homes of certain prominent persons in the city and advised him that we had secured a complete confession from one individual involved; that two others had refused to talk. I stated we were advised of the participation of the White Citizens Council on July 13, 1956, when at a meeting certain action was discussed and preparations were made for the burning of the crosses. The Attorney General was advised that a memorandum was being sent to him tomorrow morning; that he might wish to consider a press release and also advising the United States Attorney and the Department in order to bring these individuals under oath before the grand jury. The Attorney General expressed appreciation for my call.

Very truly yours,

JEH

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc-Mr. Holloman

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *hrs*

DATE: July 14, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price *hrs*

Time of Call: 2:40 p.m.

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY
 UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2)
 CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN - VICTIM
 SENATOR HERBERT LEHMAN - VICTIM
 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER - VICTIM
 SOLICITOR GENERAL SIMON SOBELOFF - VICTIM
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 ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

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SA Lipscomb, of Alexandria Resident Agency, telephonically furnished results of interview with the parents of subject Rowley. The Rowleys' reside at 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia.

Ronald Eugene Rowley served in the U. S. Navy from October 14, 1950, until October 13, 1954, when he received honorable discharge. He is presently employed by the American District Telegraph Company in Washington, D. C., as an installer of burglary alarm and electric detection devices. His family advised that Ronald Rowley is a member of the White Citizens Council in Washington, D. C.

On the evening of July 13, 1956, Ronald used a yellow and black Ford belonging to his brother Allen Loring Rowley, Virginia tags 306529. He returned home during the night and left that car and took a 1956 blue Ford Fairlane belonging to his brother Laurence Duane Rowley.

Mrs. Neva Rowley, mother of the subject, stated that she had questioned Ronald about his activities and he had stated "We just burned some crosses over in town." By the expression "in town" Mrs. Rowley understood her son to mean in Washington, D.C. She stated that she had also asked Ronald about using the second car and he stated he had to take another fellow home.

cc: Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

Following is a description of Subject Rowley:

Date of Birth: November 14, 1931
Place of Birth: Springfield, Massachusetts
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 155 to 165 pounds
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Education: Graduate of Washington and Lee
High School, Arlington, Virginia, 1949
Navy Serial Number: 3309763
Parents: ^{Mrs.} Laurence and Neva Rowley
Brothers: Allen Loring Rowley and Laurence Duane Rowley.

Subject's father, Laurence Rowley, is employed at the Naval Gun Factory, and Allen Loring Rowley who was born November, 1928, is employed by the General Accounting Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *HR*

DATE: July 14, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price *HR*Time of Calls: 5:05 p.m.
6:10 p.m.

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY
 UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2)
 CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN - VICTIM
 SENATOR HERBERT LEHMAN - VICTIM
 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER - VICTIM
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Supervisor Delevaigne, Washington Field Office, telephonically advised Supervisor McGowan that Rowley was on the way to the Number 1 Station House where he would be charged with kindling bonfire in violation of Title 22, Section 1113, of the District Code. Rowley will be charged with the two fires at the Sheraton Park Hotel. Delevaigne advised that such charges would require total collateral of about \$20 and that Rowley had that much money on him.

Delevaigne was instructed to immediately contact the U. S. Attorney for his views in this case and to advise the Bureau.

At 6:10 p.m. Supervisor Delevaigne advised that Assistant U. S. Attorney Frederick Smithson had been contacted and Mr. Smithson said he would agree to the release of defendant Rowley on the basis of the collateral which had been posted in connection with the local violation, and that upon completion of the Bureau's investigation he would give his final opinion as to prosecution for any violation of the Federal Statutes, including Sections 111 and 1503 of Title 18, (Section 111 concerns assaulting or intimidating a Federal officer, and Section 1503, part of the obstruction of justice violation, concerns threatening, intimidating officers of any court of the United States).

ACTION:

SAC Laughlin was instructed to conduct the necessary investigation to immediately identify the individuals involved in the cross burnings. Laughlin was advised that he should allow Rowley the opportunity of showing Agents the home of his accomplices and that if Rowley declined to cooperate in any way, physical surveillance should be conducted as Rowley might endeavor to contact his associates after posting collateral on local charges.

cc: Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Belmont

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *JS*

DATE: July 14, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price *JPB*

Time of Call: 7:20 p.m.

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ^① ROWLEY
 UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2)
 CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN - VICTIM
 SENATOR HERBERT LEHMAN - VICTIM
 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER - VICTIM
 SOLICITOR GENERAL SIMON SOBELOFF - VICTIM
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Handwritten: Delevaigne stated that he had just received a call from SA Woodrow Lipscomb of the Alexandria Resident Agency. Lipscomb, through his own investigation, had determined that John D. Lee resides at 428 Peyton Street and is employed by the Potomac Electric Power Company.

Delevaigne stated that it appeared that Lipscomb has determined the identity of one of the accomplices and efforts are being made to locate and interview him.

An Agent and a officer of the Metropolitan Police Department canvassed these blocks and located a Fred Hockett residing at 1115 Maryland Avenue, Northeast. They attempted to interview Hockett who immediately became belligerent and very profane. Hockett indicated that he did not know who was responsible for the cross burnings, denied that he was involved and said he was completely in sympathy with the people who did burn the crosses. When the Agent and police officer attempted to further interview him they were ordered from his apartment, and left to preclude any incident arising. Shortly thereafter they observed Hockett entering a Plymouth station wagon (Rowley said Hockett had a car of this type) and drive away hurriedly. Delevaigne said

cc: Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Belmont
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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

Agents are attempting to surveil Hockett but he has no further information concerning this at the present time.

ACTION:

Delevaigne was told that investigation should go forward to locate John D. Lee in order that he could be interviewed, and that this entire investigation should be pursued vigorously. He was told to keep the Bureau advised of progress of the investigation.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen *RW*

DATE: July 14, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price *JWP*SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
CROSS BURNINGS - WASHINGTON, D. C.
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At 5:00 a.m. today Jim Barr, United Press representative, telephonically contacted supervisor H. A. Fitzgibbon on duty in the Investigative Division and inquired if Bureau had any interest in the cross burning that had occurred at three locations in Washington, D.C. during the night. Barr advised it was his understanding crosses had been burned on the lawn of the Sheraton Park Hotel, at the residence of Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and at the residence of Simon Sobelof.

Mr. Barr was thanked for his interest in contacting the Bureau. He was advised that no information could be furnished concerning his report at this time. Mr. McGuire of Mr. Nichols' Office was immediately advised concerning the above.
ACTION TAKEN:

SAC Leo Laughlin, Washington Field Office, was telephonically contacted and requested to determine through appropriate contact at the Washington Police Department if there was any truth to the report of cross burnings.

SA Kenneth T. Delavigne thereafter telephonically advised that the Washington Police Department was investigating three reported cross burnings. One occurred at the Sheraton Park Hotel where two placards had been recovered, one bearing the notation "Lehman is a Jew," the second "Warren is a nigger lover." The second cross reported burned in the vicinity of 4545 Connecticut Avenue and a third cross in the three thousand block of Dumbarton Avenue. SA Delavigne advised facts were not substantiated at this time, but that inquiry concerning the matter was continuing in the Washington Field Office and that further information would be furnished as it is available. The facts and developments in this matter were referred to the supervisor in charge, Domestic Intelligence Division, SA R. S. Garner, since the matter is one being handled in that division. No further action appears necessary in the Investigative Division and this memorandum is submitted for record purposes.

cc: 1 - Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont

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TO : Mr. Rosen *RL*

DATE: July 15, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price *JP*

Time of Call: 10:25 a.m.

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY
 JOHN DAVID LEE
 FRED HOCKETT
 CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN - VICTIM
 SENATOR HERBERT LEHMAN - VICTIM
 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER - VICTIM
 SOLICITOR GENERAL SIMON SOBELOFF - VICTIM
 MRS. DOUGLAS KING (NAACP LEADER,
 BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND) - VICTIM
 ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

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 CP# 235,179

SA Grant Nanna, Washington Field Office, called to advise that he had talked to Deputy Chief of Police Edgar Scott, Metropolitan Police Department, this morning and Scott mentioned a news story in the Washington Post and Times Herald of Sunday, July 15, 1956, which appears on page B-3, and it quotes Scott as saying the FBI was called into investigation with approval of President Eisenhower. Scott told Nanna that he was completely misquoted by the press; that when the press asked him if the FBI was investigating matter he told the press this answer would have to come from the FBI that he could not speak for the FBI.

Nanna stated that Scott offered to call subject Lee in Alexandria and invite him to come to the Metropolitan Police Department to be interviewed as to burnings of crosses. Scott pointed out that it was his intention if this was suitable with the Bureau that he would charge Lee, as well as Hockett, with kindling bonfire as he had done after talking to Rowley on 7/14/56. Nanna stated that two Agents were interviewing Hockett at his residence this morning; that he intended to confer with Resident Agent Woodrow Lipscomb, Alexandria, concerning Lee and he thought they would agree to Scott's proposal and Agents would sit in on the interview which the Metropolitan Police would have with Hockett and Lee.

Nanna pointed out that WFO was thinking about asking for Bureau approval to interview the officers of the Washington Chapter of the White Citizens Council. He said that this was merely a thought and they were not asking for authority to make these interviews at this time but would consider making a request later if they were not able to develop additional information concerning the burnings from the three subjects. He pointed out that both Lee and Rowley have admitted attending a meeting or meetings of White Citizens Council of Washington

cc: Mr. Nichols

Mr. Belmont

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and had stated that their action was motivated on personal feelings, and that it might be advisable later on to have an official statement from officers of the White Citizens Council as to the position of that group concerning the cross burnings.

ACTION:

Nanna was instructed to proceed with further interviews of Hockett and Lee, and if no information was obtained from them that an Agent should be present during interviews with them when the Metropolitan Police called them in for interview concerning the cross burnings.

It was pointed out to Nanna that the Director has stated it will be necessary to immediately complete the investigation; make copies of investigative report available to U. S. Attorney, Washington, and the Attorney General in view of the U. S. Attorney's opinion that he will give a prosecutive opinion after the investigation has been completed. Nanna was instructed to complete the investigation today and to submit a report so that it would be available for transmission to the Attorney General and the U. S. Attorney tomorrow, July 16, 1956.

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TO : Mr. Rosen *LR*

DATE: 7/15/56

FROM : F.L. Price *JP* Time of call: 755 p.m.SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL.
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN - VICTIM, ET AL.
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Mr. Lee Nichols of the United Press, Washington, D. C., Executive 3-3430, called for the purpose of obtaining any information the Bureau could give him concerning the captioned case. He stated that Deputy Chief of Police Scott, Metropolitan Police Department, had said that eight detectives had been assigned to this matter to work with the FBI.

ACTION:

Mr. Lee Nichols was advised a check would be made and he would be immediately contacted.

Mr. McGuire in Mr. Nichols' office was telephonically advised of Mr. Nichols' request and Mr. McGuire stated he would handle it.

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Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

July 16, 1956

Director, FBI

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, JOHN DAVID LEE,
FRED PLANT HOCKETT; CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN - VICTIM,
SENATOR HERBERT LEHMAN - VICTIM, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
FELIX FRANKFURTER - VICTIM, SOLICITOR GENERAL
SIMON SOBELOFF - VICTIM, MRS. DOUGLAS KING - VICTIM
ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an investigative report dated July 15, 1956, which has been prepared by our Washington Field Office. This report sets forth the results of investigation concerning the burning of five crosses in the vicinity of the residences of the victims in this case which occurred on the night of July 13 and 14, 1956.

The report reflects that investigation has resulted in the identification of three subjects. Two of these subjects, Rowley and Lee, admit participation in the burning of crosses at the Sheraton-Park Hotel. The third subject, Hockett, denies participation in cross-burning activity.

This matter was presented to Assistant United States Attorney Frederick G. Smithson on July 14, 1956, who deferred opinion as to prosecution of subjects until a complete investigation had been conducted. Copies of the enclosed report have been made available to the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General Rogers by memorandum dated July 16, 1956. A copy of the investigative report is also being made available to the United States Attorney's Office, Washington, D. C., and that office will be followed closely for an opinion as to prosecution. You will be advised of the results.

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July 15, 1956

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue and 9th St., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I see by this morning's issue of the WASHINGTON POST that a Mr. Ronald E. Rowley has been charged in the cross fires which occurred in Washington some days ago. A few weeks ago I entered the Cadmus Book Store (1246 Wisconsin Ave., N. W.) which appears to be the Washington headquarters of the White Citizens Council. At that time I met the accused and two of his friends (one who worked in the store) and entered into a discussion with them on their views on the segregation issue. In the event that you have not already discovered Mr. Rowley's association with the White Citizens Council, I thought it might be helpful to you to have this information.

I would, of course, prefer that my name remain anonymous in anything which develops from this information.

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Sincerely
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RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al; CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN,
et al. - VICTIMS, APO

Bureau in receipt of letter dated 7/15/56 from
[redacted] Northwest, Washington.

Correspondent points out she read in 7/15/56 issue of
"Washington Post and Times Herald" that Rowley had been
charged with cross burnings.

Correspondent stated that a few weeks ago she was
at the Cadmus Book Store, 1246 Wisconsin Avenue, Northwest,
which appears to her to be Washington headquarters of White
Citizens Council. At that time correspondent related she
met Rowley and two of his friends (one of whom worked in the
store) and entered into discussion with them regarding their
views on segregation issue.

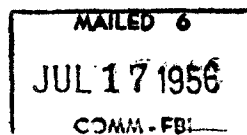
Correspondent suggests that if Bureau has not
already discovered Rowley's association with White Citizens
Council, this information might be helpful. Correspondent
requested that her name remain anonymous.

Immediately interview correspondent in connection
with captioned investigation. Insure that she understands
Bureau investigating cross burnings and not investigating
activities of White Citizens Council. Acknowledge receipt of
her letter at Bureau.

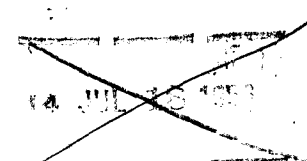
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

July 18, 1956

To:

SAC, Washington Field

Re:

UNSUBS;

~~Walter Eugene Bowley, Subject~~
~~Felix Frankfurter, Subject~~
~~Hebert Lehman, Simon Scheloff~~
~~Mrs. Douglas King, Victims~~

Examination requested by: Federal Officers, Misc.
Addresses

Reference:

Examination requested:

Specimens:

Personal visits 7/14/56, by SA'S Walter Heucke, Leo I. Prossie, Paul Ertzinger (WFO) and Francis I. Jahn (BA)
Toolmarks - Spectrographic - Microscopic Analyses
Chemical Analyses - Miscellaneous

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- Q1 Wooden cross recovered at home of Felix Frankfurter (Item A)
- Q2 Wooden cross, origin not stated (Item B)
- Q3 Wooden cross recovered at Sheraton Park Hotel (Item C)
- Q4 Wooden cross, origin not stated (Item D)
- Q5 Wooden cross recovered at home of Mrs. Douglas King
- Q6 Hard board sign bearing inscription "...SCHLOFF JEW"
- Q7 Hard board sign bearing inscription "EARLE WARREN NIGGER LOVER"
- Q8 Hard board sign bearing inscription "HERBERT LEHMAN JEW"
- Q9 Metal rod found at Sheraton Park Hotel

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS:

Specimens Q1 through Q4, Q7 and Q8 were delivered to the Laboratory by SA Walter Heucke of the Washington Field Office.
Specimen Q6 was delivered to the Laboratory by SA'S Leo I. Prossie and Paul Ertzinger of the Washington Field Office. Specimen Q5 was delivered to the Laboratory by SA Francis I. Jahn of the Baltimore Office.

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Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Harbo _____
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The five crosses, Q1 through Q5, have the same general appearance and construction. They consist of vertical pieces approximately 9' in length to which are belted horizontal pieces approximately 5' in length. Each of the vertical pieces in Q1, Q2, Q4 and Q5 has an iron rod approximately 3/8" in diameter inserted in a hole in one end. A hole also is present in one end of the vertical piece in Q3. It is possible that the 3/8" rod, Q9, was originally inserted into this hole. Cotton batting has been stapled over the surfaces of the vertical and horizontal pieces of the crosses with 1/4" long staples. The staples are the type used in automatic compression staplers which will accommodate staples 3/8" in width. A few microscopic marks were found on some of the staples and it may be possible to identify the stapling machine or machines used.

The four horizontal pieces of the crosses, Q1 through Q4, were identified as having been sawed with a circular saw from one board. The four vertical pieces of Q1 through Q4 and the horizontal piece of Q5 were identified as having been sawed with a circular saw from one board. No conclusion could be reached as to whether the horizontal pieces of Q1 through Q4 were originally part of the same board as the vertical pieces of Q1 through Q4 and the horizontal piece of Q5. The saw marks on the submitted boards contained too few characteristics for comparison purposes.

The 1 5/8" x 2" vertical Southern Yellow Pine board of Q5 is different in dimensions from all of the other boards submitted, which are approximately 1 9/16" square Southern Yellow Pine. The vertical board in Q5 has no freshly cut sides; however, a piece may have been recently cut from one end.

The vertical and horizontal pieces of each of the crosses, Q1, Q2 and Q5 are fastened together with a 1/4" x 4" machine bolt and wing nut. A lock washer is present under each wing nut. The two pieces of each of the crosses, Q3 and Q4, are fastened together with a 1/4" x 4" carriage bolt and wing nut. A lock washer is present under each of the wing nuts. It was not possible to associate these bolts, washers or nuts with a particular manufacturer or to associate any two with each other.

Approximately five cubic centimeters, or one sixth of an ounce, of a mixture of flammable petroleum hydrocarbons were removed from portions of the cotton batting on the crosses listed

as Q1, Q4 and Q5. No flammable fluid was removed from the cotton on the crosses listed as Q2 and Q3. The absence of any flammable fluid in these specimens does not preclude the possibility that it was present at the time of the burning. The fluids used to initiate and accelerate burning, because of their ready flammability, are usually destroyed in the initial stages of a fire. It was not possible to identify the specific grade of petroleum hydrocarbons removed from Q1, Q4 and Q5 because of the very limited amounts found present. The standard tests used to identify the various grades of petroleum hydrocarbons require amounts of specimens far in excess of the quantities found in the cotton on these items. The odor of the flammable fluids removed from these items suggested, however, that kerosene or light fuel oil was the fluid used.

Specimens Q1 and Q5 contain pieces of cotton cheesecloth. Specimen Q1 has an approximate yarn count of 43 x 37 while Q5 has an approximate count of 62 x 50. No cheesecloth was found adhering to Q2, Q3 or Q4.

Pieces of pink-colored fabric composed of pink cotton and white filament viscose rayon yarns were found attached to Q2. This fabric is similar to some decorative fabrics used for curtains, overdrapes and upholstery.

Pieces of cotton sheeting or shirting having an approximate yarn count of 74 x 74 were found on Q3.

Cotton batting containing considerable plant stems, leaves, blossoms, seed hulls, et cetera, was found on all specimens. This batting is similar to that used for packing and by upholsterers.

Horse hair similar to that used by upholsterers was found on Q1, Q2, Q4 and Q5. None was found on Q3.

The material comprising the lettering on the signs, Q6 through Q8, is a glossy white alkyd enamel pigmented with titanium dioxide. The enamels present on Q6 through Q8 are similar in color, texture and composition and could be from the same source.

The three 1/8" hard boards, Q6, Q7 and Q8, were compared with each other, but it was not possible to determine whether any two of these specimens were originally parts of the same board.

Specimens Q1 through Q4 and Q6 through Q8 will be retained in the Laboratory until called for by a representative of the Washington Field Office. Specimen Q5 will be retained until called for by a representative of the Baltimore Office.

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TO : MR. ROSEN *R*

DATE: July 18, 1956

FROM : E. H. WINTERROWD *EW*SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ETAL
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, VICTIM, ETAL
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This is to set forth instructions which have been issued to the Washington Field Office (WFO) in this case, together with the action which is being taken in the investigation of this matter.

1. The United States Attorney's Office (USA) in the District of Columbia has been fully informed of developments to date, both by report and orally, particularly in connection with the additional information supplied by Rowley, together with the results of the interviews with Floyd Fleming and Edgar Franklin Johnston of the White Citizens Council, (WCC).
2. The WFO has been instructed to keep the Bureau fully apprised of all developments and in this regard every effort is being made to prepare a report for transmittal to the Department today, 7/18/56.
3. There are six teams of Agents in the District of Columbia locating and interviewing members of the WCC. In addition, the Resident Agency at Alexandria has been instructed to expeditiously handle the reinterview of John David Lee, together with Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hanna of Alexandria, Virginia, who are reported to have attended the meeting of the WCC on 7/13/56.
4. Reinterviews are being sought with Hockett and with Fleming. With respect to Fred Plant Hockett, who, according to Rowley, constructed the crosses, attempts will be made to make permissive searches of his residence and his station wagon.
5. Attempts are being made to reinterview John Kasper, who at the present time, 7/18/56, has not been located. According to the WFO, Kasper appears to be endeavoring to elude interview.
6. Neighborhood investigation is being conducted at the dead end street near the American Legion Hall on Nichols Avenue, Southeast, and in this regard a representative of the Lab has gone to the scene to determine if there is any possible evidence of kerosene or other items which might be tied in with this matter.

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7. Every effort is being made to locate the red pick-up truck involved in the caravan and to identify and interview its owner.

8. The WFO will further interview Rowley in view of the fact that it appears he has additional information in his possession concerning this matter and in the event it appears he is not cooperating fully, consideration will be given to suggesting that Mr. Nichols get in touch with Rowley's aunt, Mrs. Walter Johnson, who is very concerned over Rowley's involvement in this matter. The WFO has been advised of this potentiality.

9. The results of the investigation developed to date, as submitted by the WFO, will be incorporated in a memorandum to the Attorney General, with copies to Rogers and Olney. It will be insured that the WFO keeps the USA's Office currently advised and that reports be submitted most promptly.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 15, 1956

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND 89-new

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY;
 JOHN DAVID LEE;
 UNSUB (1)
 CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN,
 ET AL, VICTIMS
 ASSAULT OF FEDERAL OFFICER

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

There is being had carried to the Laboratory today the following articles which were taken from the premises of 605 North Jefferson Street, Arlington, Virginia, where subject Rowley resides. Mr. Laurence Rowley, father of the subject, gave written permission for these articles. He said that these articles need not be returned to him.

- K1-1 Stick bearing white paint
- K2-1 small scrap of cotton waste
- K3-1 partly used roll of electricians tape
- K4-1 sample of white outside paint, brand unknown
- K5-1 large electrician's staple
- K6-1 small staple

It is suggested these articles be compared with the evidence already submitted in this case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: RONALD EUGENE KOWLEY;
JOHN DAVID LEE;
UNSUB (1)
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN,
ET AL, VICTIMS
ASSAULT OF FEDERAL OFFICER

File # 89-816-22
Lab. # PC-45845 BX IE CR

Examination requested by: SAC, Richmond (89-nmc)

Date of reference communication: Let & visit 7/15/56 Date received: 7/13 pers del.

Examination requested: Solmark - Spectro. - Micro. Anal. (H & F)

Result of Examination: 7-20-56

Examination by: FRASIER
L'ITALIEN
DONALDSON ✓

Specimens submitted for examination

- K1 Stick bearing white paint
- K2 Small scrap of cotton waste
- K3 Partly used roll of electricians' tape
- K4 Sample of white paint
- K5 Large electricians' staple
- K6 Small staple

These are cotton waste from 89-816-22

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: **RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY;**
JOHN DAVID LEE;
UNSUB (1)
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN,
ET AL, VICTIMS
ASSAULT OF FEDERAL OFFICER

File # 89-816.22
Lab. # PC-45545 BX IE GR

Examination requested by: **SAC, Richmond (89-new)**

Date of reference communication: **Let & visit 7/15/56** Date received: **7/15 pers del.**

Examination requested: **SWolmark - Spectro. - Micro. Anal. (H & F)**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **FRAZIER**
L'ITALIEN
DONALDSON

Specimens submitted for examination

- K1 Stick bearing white paint**
- K2 Small scrap of cotton waste**
- K3 Partly used roll of electricians' tape**
- K4 Sample of white paint**
- K5 Large electricians' staple**
- K6 Small staple**

The pd on the stick, K1, and in the sample of white paint, K4, are flat non-alkyd white paints and are different from the white paint found on the signs Q6 through Q8. The white paint on the signs, therefore, could not have come from the same source as the K1 & K4 white pts.

The cotton waste, K2, is diff from the cheesecloth & cotton batt. found on the X's. Q1-Q5,

The staple K5, ^{which} is 1 1/2" in length, is an electrician's staple & the staple, K6, which is 1" in length, is a fencing staple. The K5 & K6 staples are different from the staples found on the crosses, Q1-Q5.

There was no tape found on the crosses, Q1-Q5, for ^{comparison} to be compared with the roll of tape, K3.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY;
JOHN DAVID LEE;
UNSUB (1)
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN,
ET AL, VICTIMS
ASSAULT OF FEDERAL OFFICER

File # 89-816-25-
Lab. # PC-45545 BX IE GR

Examination requested by: SAC, Richmond (89-new)

Date of reference communication: ^{2 cc WFA} Let & visit 7/15/56 ^{1 cc Baltimore} Date received: 7/15 pers del.

Examination requested: ~~ED~~olmark - Spectro. - Micro. Anal. (H & F)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: FRAZIER *R*
L'ITALIEN
DONALDSON

Verbal Rept 7/15/56 J L's

Specimens submitted for examination

- K1 Stick bearing white paint
- K2 Small scrap of cotton waste
- K3 Partly used roll of electricians' tape
- K4 Sample of white paint
- K5 Large electricians' staple
- K6 Small staple

Pres. submitted by the Washington Field office and the Baltimore Office.

- Q1-Q5 Five cases*
- Q6-Q8 Three cases*
- K2 - String waste non Id Q1-5 cotton batting + stuff
- K3 - No tape on Q1-Q5
- K5 - 1 1/2 staple - Non - Id Q1-Q5 1/4" compression staples
- K6 - 1" chicken wire staple Non-Id " " " "

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: SAC, Richmond

July 25, 1956

The following Laboratory report will confirm the verbal report furnished a representative of your office and the Washington Field Office on July 15, 1956.

Re:

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY;
JOHN DAVID LEE;
UNSUB (1)
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN,
ET AL, VICTIMS
ASSAULT OF FEDERAL OFFICERS

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Examination

Richmond

Reference:

Letter and personal visit 7/15/56

Examination requested:

Toolmark - Spectrographic - Microscopic Analyses

Specimens:

- K1 Stick bearing white paint
- K2 Small scrap of cotton waste
- K3 Partly used roll of electricians' tape
- K4 Sample of white paint
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- K6 Small staple

Previously submitted by Baltimore and Washington Field Offices.

Q1 - Q5 Five crosses

Q6 - Q8 Three signs

Result of examination:

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Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Mohr _____
Mr. Parsons _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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Miss Gandy _____

The paint on the stick, K1, and in the sample of white paint, K4, are flat nonalkyd white paints and are different from the white paint found on the signs Q6 through Q8. The white paint on the signs, therefore, could not have come from the same source as the K1 and K4 paints.

The cotton waste, K2, is different from the cheesecloth, cotton batting and other materials found on the five crosses, Q1 through Q5.

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There was no tape found on the crosses, Q1 through Q5, for comparison with the roll of tape, K3. The staple, K5, which is $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length, is an electrician's staple and the staple, K6, which is 1 inch in length, is a fencing staple. The K5 and K6 staples are different from the staples found on the crosses, Q1 through Q5. Since Mr. Laurence Bowley, father of the subject, from whom K1 through K6 were obtained, stated that these articles need not be returned to him, they will be destroyed in the Laboratory 15 days from the date of this report. Please advise the Laboratory immediately should you desire the return of these specimens to the Richmond office.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BOARDMAN

DATE: July 17, 1956

FROM : A. ROSEN

Call 3:30 P.M.

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY; JOHN DAVID LEE;
 FRED PLANT HOCKETT;
 CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, Victim; SENATOR HERBERT
 LEHMAN, Victim; ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FELIX
 FRANKFURTER, Victim; SOLICITOR GENERAL
 SIMON SOBELOFF, Victim; MRS. DOUGLAS KING, Victim
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Supervisor Delavigne in the Washington Field Office telephonically advised of pertinent developments in connection with the burning of crosses on the night of July 13 - 14, 1956, at the Sheraton-Park Hotel; the residence of Solicitor General Sobeloff; Associate Justice Frankfurter; and Mrs. Douglas King, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, a leader of Prince Georges County chapter of that group.

Ronald Eugene Rowley, who has already admitted his participation in the burning of the crosses at the Sheraton-Park Hotel has now furnished considerable details reflecting that after a meeting of the White Citizens Council in Southeast Washington on July 13, 1956, a caravan of four motor vehicles picked up 5 crosses which were soaked in kerosene and, thereafter, Rowley, Hockett and Lee proceeded to the Sheraton Plaza. A red truck in the caravan and an automobile driven by John Kasper, organizer for the White Citizens Council, and Edgar Johnston, its temporary chairman, proceeded in a different direction with at least two crosses. The definite implication is that Kasper and Johnston, together with other members or adherents of the White Citizens Council are possibly responsible for the burning of the crosses before the homes of Solicitor General Sobeloff, Associate Justice Frankfurter. Rowley shed no light as to the person who may be responsible for the burning of the crosses at the home of Mrs. Douglas King in Prince Georges County. He has reiterated that he heard no discussion concerning the burning of crosses at the meeting of the Council.

ACTION BEING TAKEN

The Washington Field Office has been instructed to identify and interview other possible subjects involved in the various cross burnings and to interrogate them fully. They are to handle this matter on an expeditious basis and to keep the Bureau fully advised.

cc Mr. Belmont
 Mr. Nichols

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

The United States Attorney's Office has not yet given a final opinion in this matter; however, as soon as pertinent facts are developed they will be made available for the additional information of the United States Attorney. As soon as the full details of the interview with Rowley are received this afternoon from the Washington Field Office, a memorandum will be promptly prepared for the Attorney General advising him of the developments and the fact that additional intensive investigation is being conducted.

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The Attorney General

July 16, 1956

Director, FBI

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al.;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, et al - VICTIMS
ABSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

With further reference to my two memorandums of July 16, 1956, I wanted to furnish to you additional information which has been developed in our investigation concerning the burning of crosses in the District of Columbia and Prince Georges County, Maryland, on the night of July 13-14, 1956.

John David Lee, one of the individuals who has previously admitted participating in the burning of crosses at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, was again interviewed on July 16, 1956, subsequent to the submission of referenced memorandums and has refused to answer any questions or to cooperate further with our Agents. However, Rowley, in interviews on July 16 and 17, 1956, furnished additional information concerning his activities as well as the activities of others in connection with the burning of these crosses. GIR 8

Rowley denied that there had been any discussion as to the burning of crosses at any meetings of the White Citizens Council which he had attended. He said he attended a meeting of this group at the American Legion Hall, 3201 Nichols Avenue, Southeast, Washington, on July 6, 1956, and again on the night of July 13, 1956, which was the night crosses were burned in the area. With regard to the latter meeting, Rowley stated that it was attended by about 20 persons, including Fred Plant Hockett, Lee, and himself. Also present, according to Rowley, was John Kasper, organizer of the Washington White Citizens Council, and Edgar F. Johnston, a member of this organization.

Rowley stated that the meeting of the organization lasted about 90 minutes and after the close of the meeting Hockett inquired whether he wanted to participate in cross burnings, whereupon he agreed. Rowley stated that he accompanied Hockett and an individual, whose identity was not known to him but who was driving a red pickup truck, to a dead-end street opposite the American Legion Hall where

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Memorandum to The Attorney General

four wooden crosses were taken out of Hockett's station wagon and drenched in kerosene. Two crosses were replaced in Hockett's station wagon and the other two crosses were placed in the red pickup truck. Rowley stated that thereafter a caravan of four vehicles proceeded to northwest Washington. This caravan consisted of Hockett, in his station wagon alone; the red pickup truck carrying two crosses, driven by the unknown male individual who was alone; the third vehicle containing Rowley and Lee; and a fourth vehicle containing John Kasper and Edgar F. Johnston, identified by Rowley as temporary chairman of the Southeast White Citizens Council.

Burned Crosses
This caravan eventually arrived at the approximate vicinity of 4545 Connecticut Avenue, which Rowley states he knew to be the vicinity of the residence of Solicitor General Sobeloff. The vehicles turned off of Connecticut Avenue, whereupon the red pickup truck and the vehicle carrying Kasper and Johnston pulled to the curb and stopped. Rowley advised he did not again see these vehicles. He related that he followed Hockett back to Connecticut Avenue and proceeded with him to the Sheraton-Park Hotel where they ignited two crosses which were being carried in Hockett's station wagon. Rowley advised that he had no information concerning the crosses burned in Maryland or at the residences of Justice Frankfurter and Solicitor General Sobeloff.

When questioned as to the circumstances under which Lee accompanied Rowley, the latter replied that he presumed Lee had been assigned to accompany him. He said Lee apparently had prior knowledge of the plans and Lee mentioned this was the first time he had participated in such activity. Rowley related that Lee and himself returned to the vicinity of the American Legion Hall at about 2:00 a.m., July 14, 1956, where he understood that the other individuals involved were supposed to rendezvous following their activity, although none of the other persons appeared.

Rowley stated that he did not know where the crosses were made but was of the opinion that Hockett probably made them. He said he received a telephone call from John Kasper on the evening of July 14, 1956, during which Kasper used words to the effect that "We are proud of you." Rowley claimed that no mention was made of the plans to burn crosses at the meeting of the White Citizens Council on the night of July 13, 1956, and he did not know of these plans until after the meeting was concluded.

Memorandum to The Attorney General

Floyd Fleming, identified by Rowley as chairman of the Northwest White Citizens Council, was interviewed July 17, 1956, and denied membership in the White Citizens Council. He admitted attending a meeting of the organization on July 13, 1956, at the invitation of Edgar Franklin Johnston. He denied knowledge of or participation in the burning of crosses.

Edgar Franklin Johnston was likewise interviewed on July 17, 1956. He identified himself as chairman of the Southeast Washington White Citizens Council. He denied knowledge of the burning of crosses other than what he had read in the press and stated that to the best of his knowledge this activity was not sponsored by the White Citizens Council. He claimed he attended a meeting of the organization on the night of July 13, 1956, but declined to furnish names of individuals in attendance, claiming that he was prohibited by action of the Board of Directors and by the bylaws of the White Citizens Council from identifying members. Johnston stated he would consult the Council and advise further as to the furnishing of additional information at a later date. In this connection, our Agents will reinterview Johnston on July 18, 1956.

Vigorous efforts were made to locate John Kasper, allegedly the organizer of the Washington White Citizens Council, up through the late evening hours of July 17, 1956, but his whereabouts could not be established. An intensive investigation is continuing in order to develop all possible information as to the identity of all individuals involved in the cross burning activities and to determine the extent to which this activity was inspired by the White Citizens Council. The information which is being furnished to you in this memorandum is being made available to the United States Attorney in Washington.

This matter is being given continuous preferred attention and you will be advised of the results.

cc: 1 - Mr. William F. Rogers
Deputy Attorney General

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Warren Olney III

The Attorney General

July 19, 1956

Director, FBI

**RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, ET AL;
CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, ET AL - VICTIMS;
ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER**

In connection with my previous memoranda concerning the burning of crosses in this area on the night of July 13 - 14, 1956, I am enclosing herewith a copy of a report dated July 18, 1956, prepared by our Washington Field Office. Copies of this report are also being made available to Deputy Attorney General Rogers and Assistant Attorney General Olney with copies of this memorandum. The enclosed report sets forth details concerning interviews had with Ronald Eugene Rowley on July 16 and 17, 1956, and other individuals possibly involved in this matter which were summarized in my memorandum of July 18, 1956.

For your further information, additional investigation has been conducted since the preparation of the enclosed report based on information furnished by Rowley as to the identity of persons attending a meeting of the Washington White Citizens Council in Southeast Washington on the night of July 13, 1956.

On July 18, 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Russell Long, 5143 Wheeler Road, Southeast, Washington, advised they attended the meeting of the White Citizens Council on July 13, 1956, at the invitation of Floyd Fleming, identified by Rowley as chairman of the Northwest White Citizens Council. They stated the meeting was of an organizational nature; that there was no discussion concerning cross burnings, and that they left early because they were not interested.

John Wesley Stone, a painter at the Naval Air Station, Washington, was in attendance at this meeting and on interview denied that there was any discussion concerning the burning of crosses.

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The Attorney General

Mr. and Mrs. Alex James Hanna, residing at Temple Trailer Village, Alexandria, Virginia, were interviewed on July 18, 1956. Rowley has previously advised that Mr. and Mrs. Hanna were in attendance at the meeting of the White Citizens Council on the night of July 13, 1956. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna were interviewed separately. Mr. Hanna advised that he attended this meeting with his wife and John David Lee who has been implicated in the cross burnings by Rowley. Upon arrival, they observed John Kasper, previously identified as the organizer of the Washington White Citizens Council, conducting the meeting which concerned recruitment. He denied knowing the identities of other persons in attendance and claimed that Lee, his wife and himself left the meeting about 9:30 p.m. He stated that the three then visited a number of bars and restaurants in the Maryland suburbs before returning home to Virginia between midnight and 2:00 a.m., July 14, 1956.

Hanna denied that the burning of crosses was mentioned at the meeting and denied participation in or knowledge of those who may have been responsible for the cross burnings. Hanna stated that he first joined the White Citizens Council in the Fall of 1955 at Williamston, North Carolina. He arrived in Washington in December, 1955, and attended his first White Citizens Council meeting in Washington in June, 1956. He said he has joined this organization for one year expiring July 6, 1957.

Although Mr. Hanna admitted attending the meeting of July 13, 1956, Mrs. Hanna denied that they attended such a meeting or that she had ever attended a White Citizens Council meeting. She claimed that from 8:00 p.m., July 13, 1956, until 2:00 a.m., July 14, 1956, she was in the company of her husband and John David Lee celebrating the Hannas' wedding anniversary and that they attended numerous restaurants. She stated that her husband is a member of a South Carolina branch of the White Citizens Council but is not a local member.

Mr. C. T. Tincher, mentioned to Agents by John Wesley Stone as having attended the July 13, 1956, meeting, advised on interview that he attended at the invitation of Floyd Fleming but left the meeting early. He could not identify other persons at the meeting and advised that nothing was said in his presence concerning the burning of crosses.

The Attorney General

Rowley has previously stated that one of the individuals in the caravan of automobiles that proceeded from Southeast to Northwest Washington immediately prior to the cross burning activity on the night of July 13, 1956, was an unknown individual driving a 1953 model red pickup truck. Exhaustive investigation has failed to identify this individual although information has been developed that he may be employed as a janitor in a school in Fairfax or Arlington Counties, Virginia. Every effort is being made to identify this individual in order that he can be interviewed.

Edgar Franklin Johnston, referred to in my memorandum of July 18, 1956, has refused to furnish further information concerning this matter on the advice of his attorney. John David Lee, implicated by Rowley, was again contacted on July 18, 1956, and refused to be interviewed.

Fred Plant Hockett, implicated by Rowley, was reinterviewed on July 18, 1956, and again denied membership in the White Citizens Council or attendance at any of this organization's meetings and specifically denied attending the meeting of July 13, 1956. Hockett refused to grant interviewing Agents permission to search his house or automobile. Mrs. Hockett was interviewed separately and likewise denied attendance at meetings of the Council and specifically denied attending the meeting of July 13, 1956. She also denied any knowledge of the burning of crosses until she observed newspaper publicity concerning the incident.

Our investigation has still failed to result in the location of John Kasper, allegedly the organizer of the White Citizens Council. Our investigation indicates that Kasper is probably aware of our efforts to locate him and is deliberately avoiding interview.

A neighborhood investigation conducted in the vicinity of the American Legion Hall, 3201 Nichols Avenue, Southeast, Washington, where the meeting of July 13, 1956, was held, failed to result in the development of information identifying the participants of the cross burnings.

The Attorney General

A copy of the enclosed report has been made available to Assistant United States Attorney Frederick G. Smithson, Washington, and he is being apprised of all developments in this case. Mr. Smithson stated that he is consulting with the Department concerning this case. In this connection, I would like to reiterate that in view of the conflicting information we have obtained from persons interviewed, this matter should be presented to a Federal Grand Jury.

This matter is receiving continuous preferred attention and you will be advised of all developments.

Enclosure

cc: 1-Mr. William P. Rogers (Enclosure)
Deputy Attorney General

cc: 1-Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)
Warren Olney III

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. *Rosen*

DATE: July 16, 1956

FROM : Mr. Price *gfb*

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, JOHN DAVID LEE,
 FRED PLANT HOCKETT; CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN - VICTIM;
 SENATOR HERBERT LEHMAN - VICTIM; ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
 FELIX FRANKFURTER - VICTIM; SOLICITOR GENERAL
 SIMON SOBELOFF - VICTIM; MRS. DOUGLAS KING (NAACP LEADER,
 BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND) - VICTIM;
 ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

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During late evening of 7/13/56, and early morning of 7/14/56, five crosses burned in vicinity of residences of victims. Two burned on premises of Sheraton-Park Hotel where Chief Justice Warren and Senator Lehman reside, although not then in Washington; third burned at Brandywine Apartments, residence of victim Sobeloff; fourth burned at residence of victim Frankfurter; and, fifth burned at residence of victim King, Beltsville, Maryland, who is president of Prince Georges County branch, National Association for Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Two small signs found in vicinity of crosses at Sheraton-Park Hotel, one having printed in white paint the words "EARLE WARREN NIGGER LOVER"; the other sign reading "HERBERT LEHMAN JEW." Sign was found in vicinity of victim Sobeloff's home bearing inscription "...ON SOBELOFF JEW," also in white paint.

Bureau instituted investigation morning of 7/14/56, on grounds of possible intimidation of U. S. Government officials. WFO* advised of results of investigation in report 7/15/56. Doorman at Sheraton-Park Hotel observed two individuals in two cars about 12:30 a.m., 7/14/56, light crosses on hotel premises. He obtained license number of one car and this was given to police. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) determined subject Rowley had used this auto. Interviews with Rowley's family by Agents reflected he has been member of Washington White Citizens Council and had told his mother morning of 7/14/56, that he had burned some crosses in Washington.

* Washington Field Office
 Enclosures *sent* 7-16-56
 cc: Mr. Nichols
 Mr. Belmont

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

Subsequent investigation resulted in location of Fred Plant Hockett at his residence, 1115 Maryland Avenue, Northeast. Hockett in interviews 7/14,15/56, denied being involved in case or knowing identities of other subjects. He expressed displeasure of action of Supreme Court relative to segregation and expressed anti-Semitic and anti-Negro feelings. On first interview he smelled of alcohol and became bellicose and belligerent, ordering Agent and MPD officer to leave premises.

Subject Lee determined to be John David Lee and was interviewed 7/14/56, by Agents. Lee admitted burning crosses at Sheraton Park Hotel with two others whom he refused to identify. Lee admitted membership in White Citizens Council of Washington and unsuccessful attempts to establish council in Alexandria.

WFO advised both Rowley and Lee have no known criminal records although Rowley has traffic record. WFO advised Hockett has record reflecting numerous arrests from 1928 to 1949, including number of assault and disorderly charges. His FBI record likewise shows arrests for drunk, investigation, non-support and housebreaking with several convictions.

PROSECUTIVE ACTION:

On 7/14/56, MPD charged Rowley with two violations of District of Columbia Code for kindling a bonfire. Rowley posted total of \$20 collateral and was released by MPD. On 7/15/56, Deputy Chief of Police Scott advised that he, not having jurisdiction over Lee who lives in Virginia, invited Lee to come to MPD that date for interview by Scott and an Agent. Lee declined and made appointment for 7/16/56. MPD advised could not arrest Hockett without warrant 7/15/56* and Scott advised he preferred to bring him in for interview 7/16/56, and plans to file similar charges on Lee and Hockett on that date.

* Misdemeanor involved

Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

During filing of charges by MPD against Rowley, facts of case presented to Assistant U. S. Attorney (AUSA) Frederick G. Smithson, who approved Rowley's release on basis of collateral furnished and deferred opinion as to prosecution of subjects until complete investigation conducted. AUSA advised he would consider all possible violations including assaulting and intimidation of Federal officers and obstruction of justice.

INVESTIGATION OF OTHER CROSS BURNINGS:

Investigation consisting of interviews in neighborhood and location of witnesses conducted by WFO concerning crosses burned at residences of victim Sobeloff and Frankfurter did not result in location of witnesses observing persons responsible. Victim King advised Agents that she first heard activity in front of home about 11:50 p.m., 7/13/56, and noted cross burning about 12:15 a.m., 7/14/56. She called police and fire departments who responded and extinguished burning cross. No suspects developed or witnesses located as results of interviews with neighbors.

LABORATORY FINDINGS:

All crosses and signs examined by FBI Laboratory 7/15/56. Laboratory determined that four cross arm pieces of crosses burned in District were cut from one board. The four upright parts of crosses burned in District and cross arm part of cross burned in Maryland were cut from one board. Crosses were wrapped with cotton batting and cheesecloth which was stapled to wood and had been saturated with an inflammable liquid which had smell of kerosene or light fuel oil. The three signs were prepared from 1/8" masonite boards and white enamel paint used for printing.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. For your approval there is attached memorandum to Attorney General summarizing results of investigation and enclosing copy of investigative report prepared by WFO. A copy of this memorandum is designated to Deputy Attorney General Rogers who is also receiving copy of investigative report. It is pointed out in this memorandum that U. S. Attorney will render opinion as to possible prosecution of subjects and after his opinion is obtained Attorney General will be advised.

Memorandum to Mr. Rosen

2. The Washington Field Office has been instructed that this matter must be followed closely with the U. S. Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia and the Bureau advised of his opinion as soon as he renders same. WFO also instructed to follow the action of the Metropolitan Police Department with regard to subjects Lee and Hockett and advise Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *ah*

DATE: July 14, 1956

FROM : Mr. R. S. Garner *RS*cc - Belmont
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CROSS BURNINGS, WASHINGTON, D. C.
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According to a station WRC news broadcast at 7:00 a.m., 7/14/56, blazing wooden crosses were found to have been burned in front of the residences of desegregation leaders in this area about 1:00 a.m., 7/14/56. Two crosses were found in front of the Sheridan Park Hotel where Chief Justice Warren and Senator Lehman live, while crosses were discovered in front of the residences of the following individuals:

Solicitor General Sobeloff
Justice Frankfurter

Mrs. Douglas King of Beltsville, Maryland, who is an NAACP leader.

The broadcast said that according to police, a witness at the Sheridan Park Hotel had observed two men driving away in a car with Virginia license plates just after the crosses had been set fire. At 8:05 a.m., 7/14/56 SA Delavigne of the WFO called to report that WFO Agents had learned from the Metropolitan Police that William Coates, doorman at the Sheridan Park Hotel, had observed two white boys on the lawn at the time the crosses had begun to burn. They then got into a car and drove away. Apparently Coates secured the Virginia license plate number of the car. Arlington County Police checked the residence of the registered owner and reportedly found that the car had been used that evening by a young male member of the family who was not then at home.

Mr. Boardman was apprised of the foregoing facts. Shortly thereafter Mr. Boardman called to advise that he had just talked with the Director concerning this matter, at which time the Director instructed that the Bureau work with the police on this investigation on the grounds there was possible intimidation of U. S. Government officials. Mr. Boardman stated that he would personally instruct SAC Laughlin of WFO to enter into the investigation. Mr. Hennrich, Mr. Sizoo and Mr. McGuire were all notified of the foregoing facts.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

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SOLICITOR GENERAL SIMON E. SOBELOFF, Mrs.
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Miss Gandy	_____

RE tel call SAC LAUGHLIN, WFO, to ASAC LALLY this date.

The following investigation was conducted by SAS FRANCIS X. JAHN, and GENE S. WEIMER on 7/14/56.

Mrs. DOUGLAS KING, 5402 Odell Road, Beltsville, Md., was interviewed. She is President of Prince Georges County Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She resides in two story frame house in sparsely settled neighborhood. At 11:50 PM, 7/13/56, she was in upstairs bedroom sewing. She heard automobile drive past her home and stop. She turned out her light and looked out. A car was stopped near the edge of her property. She heard a car door slam but could not see how many persons were in or out of the car, nor whether they were white or colored. In a minute or two the car moved on. She put the light back on and prepared for bed. As she lay in bed she heard laughter but did not look out. The laughter sounded like that of teen-agers or youngsters. She could not tell if it were boys or girls. The car she had seen was light colored but she could not say if blue, gray, or green, etc. She believed it was a late model car, possibly a Plymouth or Ford. Because of the hedge in front of her lawn she could see only the top portion of the car.

About 12:15 AM 7/14/56 her husband who was lying in bed said, "What's that light?". They both looked out to see a cross burning in front of their property. The cross stood at the West corner of the hedge on the public road side, the road being a country dirt road with no sidewalk. The cross was at the point where she had previously seen the car stop before moving on.

Mrs. ^{KING} WEST then asked the phone operator to call the police and the fire department. A Prince Georges County Police cruiser and a Beltsville Fire Truck responded, the latter extinguishing the burning cross.

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The cross referred to is of 2" X 2" wood. The long section is about 8 feet and the cross section 4 feet. They are fastened together with a carriage bolt with wing nut. At the bottom is a 12" length of 1/4" steel rod by means of which the cross could be plunged into the ground and be made to stand erect. The wood had been wrapped with what appears to be raw cotton and cheese cloth, the same being stapled to the wood with metal staples.

Arthur King, son, said the burning cross smelled like kerosene. He and DOUGLAS KING, his father, were unable to supply any further pertinent information. They advised some fifteen or twenty neighbors were attracted to the scene by the arrival of the fire engine, but none indicated they had heard anything or seen anything prior to the noise of the engine.

A near neighbor, Mrs. MARY BREWER, 11501 Old Baltimore Pike, local Chairman of the NAACP Membership Committee, said she had heard nothing and had talked to her neighbors and acquaintances in the area who knew no more than she.

Prince Georges County

Officer WILLIAM J. MULLIKIN, PGC PD, who responded to KING'S call said he talked with spectators at the scene, all of whom were negroes, but none had seen the cross placed and he developed no suspects.

Mrs. KING in answer to questioning re possible suspects mentioned she had received several threatening letters. She believed these were from a negro named TURNER who lives in Deanwood, (Prince Georges County). TURNER has been agitated because a school is being built by the county in an area totally populated by negroes, and which school will undoubtedly be used only by negro children who live near it. It is TURNER'S contention that this condition served to defeat integration because the school is not placed where there will be any white children to attend it. Mrs. KING advised TURNER'S views are not supported by the other negro citizens of his community who are overwhelmingly in favor of it.

The TURNER referred to is EMORY A. TURNER, 1317 50th Street. He is the subject of an extortion case, ALFRED SCOTT - VICTIM, in which case County Police are proceeding with prosecution.

Lt. EARL HUBER, PGC PD, advised TURNER is currently on bond, charged with four counts of Assault with intent to Kill, and one count of Carrying Concealed Weapon, in connection with the ALFRED SCOTT threats. HUBER says the letters referred to by Mrs. KING include one addressed to the NAACP in Baltimore, forwarded on to her, and another she received directly. According to HUBER, FBI Lab has positively identified the handwriting on the Baltimore letter as being that of TURNER, and says there are significant similarities with the one KING received direct. Neither HUBER nor MRS. KING believe TURNER has any connection with the cross burning.

The KINGS advised no notes, letters, placards, or other items were left with the burning cross. Crime scene search was negative. Remains of cross will be brought to Lab personally by SA FRANCIS X. JAHN. Neighborhood investigation, which will include likely filling stations, taverns, and snack shops, which a group of teenagers might have visited around midnight prior to or following the incident is under way.

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JEFFERSON ST., ARLINGTON, VA., BROTHER OF SUBJECT ROWLEY, STATED
HE LOANED HIS NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE FORD, COLOR YELLOW AND BLACK, TO
ROWLEY EVENING OF THIRTEENTH INSTANT. SUBJECT ROWLEY DID NOT STATE
INTENDED USE OF CAR. ALLAN ROWLEY AVERRED HE SAW HIS CAR IN FRONT
OF RESIDENCE ABOVE ADDRESS AT TWO A. M., FOURTEENTH INSTANT, BUT
SUBJECT ROWLEY NOT AT HOME AT THIS TIME. ALLAN HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF
BROTHER-S ACTIVITIES NIGHT OF THIRTEENTH INSTANT. NEVA GILMORE
ROWLEY, MOTHER OF SUBJECT ROWLEY, STATED RONALD LEFT HOME EIGHT P. M.,
THIRTEENTH INSTANT, DRIVING ALLAN-S FORD. SHE STATES ARLINGTON, VA.
PD MADE INQUIRY RE DRIVER OF ALLAN-S FORD AT TWO A. M. AND AGAIN AT
TWO-THIRTY A. M., FOURTEENTH INSTANT, IN BEHALF OF METROPOLITAN PD,
WASHINGTON, D. C. SHE HEARD RONALD RETURN HOME BETWEEN TWO-THIRTY
AND THREE A. M., FOURTEENTH INSTANT. RONALD ROWLEY TOLD HIS MOTHER
ON JULY FOURTEEN INSTANT, QUOTE WE JUST BURNED SOME CROSSES

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OVER IN TOWN, END QUOTE. HE TOLD HER HE BROUGHT YELLOW AND BLACK FORD HOME AND THEN USED BLUE NINETEEN FIFTYSIX FORD FAIRLANE, PROPERTY OF BROTHER LAURENCE DUANE ROWLEY, QUOTE TO TAKE A FELLOW HOME, END QUOTE. HE DID NOT IDENTIFY TO MOTHER ANY PERSONS HE WAS WITH ON NIGHT OF JULY THIRTEEN INSTANT, OR FURNISH INFORMATION RE HIS ACTIVITIES THAT NIGHT. MOTHER AND ALLAN STATE RONALD ROWLEY IS MEMBER OF WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL, WASHINGTON, D. C., WORKS AS INSTALLER FOR AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH CO., WASHINGTON, D. C., AND HAS GIRL FRIEND, GERDA DOERR, WHO WORKS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INSURANCE CO., WASHINGTON, D. C., AND WHO RESIDES THREE FOUR TWO F NEWTON ST., NEAR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LINE, MT. RANIER, MD. LAURENCE ROWLEY, FATHER OF RONALD, INTERVIEWED AND NOTHING ADDITIONAL DEVELOPED. CONSENT SEARCH MADE OF ROWLEY RESIDENCE, AND SAMPLE OF WHITE PAINT, TWO STAPLES, COTTON WASTE, AND ELECTRICIAN-S TAPE OBTAINED FOR FORWARDING TO LABORATORY. RONALD AND ALLAN ROWLEY HAVE TRAFFIC ARREST RECORDS AT PD, ARLINGTON, VA. PD RECORDS, ARLINGTON, REFLECT SCOUT CAR DISPATCHED TO ROWLEY RESIDENCE, ONE FORTY-FOUR A. M. AND TWO-TWELVE A. M. TO OBTAIN INFORMATION RE USER OF NINETEEN FIFTYFIVE FORD BEARING VA. TAGS THREE ZERO SIX DASH FIVE TWO NINE DURING NIGHT OF SEVEN THIRTEEN INSTANT. THIS INFORMATION WAS FOR METROPOLITAN PD, WASHINGTON, D. C. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] JOHN DAVID LEE, FOUR TWO EIGHT N. PEYTON ST.,
ALEXANDRIA, VA., AS ONE OF PARTICIPANTS IN BURNING OF CROSSES AT
SHERATON PARK HOTEL. LEE ADMITTED TO AGENTS BEING PRESENT AT
SHERATON PARK HOTEL WHEN TWO CROSSES WERE BURNED NIGHT OF SEVEN
THIRTEEN INSTANT, AND STATES TWO OTHER PERSONS WERE PRESENT, WHOM
HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY. LEE STATES HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHERE
CROSSES BUILT, WHERE OBTAINED, BY WHOM OBTAINED, OR HOW THEY WERE
CARRIED TO HOTEL. HE DENIES HANDLING OR IGNITING CROSSES. HE
AVERRED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE RE BURNING OF OTHER CROSSES IN WDC, OR
MD. LEE STATES CROSSES WERE BURNED TO SIGNIFY PROTEST OF SUPREME
COURT DECISION CONCERNING INTEGRATION. LEE ADMITS HE IS ASSOCIATED
WITH WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL, AND HAS ENDEAVORED TO ESTABLISH SAME
IN ALEXANDRIA, VA., WITHOUT SUCCESS. LEE DECLINED TO FURNISH
SIGNED STATEMENT. HE IS EMPLOYED AS A LINESMAN WITH PEPCO, WDC. *Potomac Electric Power Company*
FINGER AND PALM PRINTS OBTAINED FROM LEE. WFO INTERVIEW GERDA
DOERR AND ROWLEY-S CO-WORKERS, AMERICAN DISTRICT TELEGRAPH CO. FOR
INFORMATION RE ROWLEY-S ACTIVITIES.

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TO: DIRECTOR

7/16/56

FROM: SAC, WFO (89-42)

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al; Chief Justice EARL WARREN, et al -
VICTIMS, AFO (OO: WFO)

ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER.

ROWLEY interviewed today. Denied there was any discussion of burning crosses at meetings of White Citizens Councils which he attended. Stated he attended meeting 7/13/56 at American Legion Hall, 3201 Nichols Ave., SE, after which HOCKETT asked him if he would like to burn some crosses. Interview continuing 7/17/56.

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tion Counsels have advised Metropolitan Police they
would not issue warrant for arrest of Lee or Hockett
unless disinterested witness could be furnished to
identify either. Police plan to interview Lee concerning
the cross burning activity and if Lee denies guilt,
Washington Field contemplates discussing possibility
of using Lee's admission to Bureau Agents concerning
his involvement in the cross burnings. Lee had admitted
participation in the cross burnings at the Sheraton-Park
Hotel but had declined to identify his associates.

Investigative Division concurs with SAC, Washington
Field, and recommends advising Corporation Counsel,
with consent of U.S. Attorney, of Lee's admission to
Bureau Agents if Lee does not make admission to
police.

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Sgt. J. Y. CHENNAULT, Washington PD, advised SAA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM on 7/16/56 that Asst. Corporation Counsels of D. C., JOHN R. HATFIELD and CLARK KING (Asst. in Charge), Municipal Court, advised CHENNAULT they would not issue a warrant for the arrest of LEE or HOCKETT or anyone else involved under Section 1113, T. 22, DCC, unless a disinterested eye witness could be furnished who could identify the subject. HATFIELD and KING pointed out to CHENNAULT that it would be necessary to have such evidence to avoid a possible false arrest suit at a later date. CHENNAULT advised PD is considering possibility of arresting HOCKETT for operating his car with "dead Florida tags" in D. C. This might offer them the opportunity to arrest HOCKETT in D. C. and question him concerning his cross burning activity. Investigation is being made by PD to establish length of time HOCKETT has resided in D. C. and it is not believed such an arrest can be made until 7/17/56.

Deputy Chief E. E. SCOTT, Washington PD, hopes to have LEE at PD 7/16/56 and if so, will interview him concerning his cross burning activity. If this fails, WFO will discuss possibility of local charge by Corporation Counsel's Office with USA's office and if agreed, will advise Corporation Counsel's Office regarding LEE'S admission to Bureau Agents concerning his involvement, UACB.

At 3 P.M., today conference was held with AUSA FREDERICK C. SMITHSON during which time facts and circumstances this matter discussed, particularly with relation to possible violation Sections 1503 and 111, T. 18, USC. At conclusion of conference, SMITHSON stated he was not in position to give prosecutive opinion today since he had had insufficient time in which to formulate an opinion. Arrangements made to confer with SMITHSON again 7/17/56 at which time he hopes to be able to furnish his opinion as to prosecutive merits of case.

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AUSA SMITHSON was contacted this morning for purpose of securing prosecutive opinion. He advised he has further considered the facts and conferred with USA GASCH but as of this time, his deliberations are not complete and he is not now ready to furnish his opinion. He did state he feels the facts in this matter raise a question in his mind as to the prosecutive merits of the case. Mr. SMITHSON was furnished a resume of the additional information obtained from subject ROWLEY and an interview has been scheduled with him for 1:30 P.M. this date in order to inform him fully in this regard.

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FROM: SAC, WFO (89-42)

RONALD ^{EUGENE} ROWLEY, et al; Chief Justice EARL WARREN, et al, - VICTIMS,
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FLOYD FLEMING, 905 Quincy St., NE, interviewed 7/17/56. FLEMING denies membership WCC. Admits, at invitation of EDGAR JOHNSTON, attendance at WCC meeting 7/13/56. FLEMING accompanied to meeting by a Mr. STONE, who is employed as painter at Naval Air Station, and C. T. TINCHER, an architect in Washington. At invitation of FLEMING a Mr. LONG and wife also attended. LONG described as carpenter employed at Naval Air Station. FLEMING denies cross burning discussed at meeting where JOHNSTON presided. TINCHER departed meeting early. FLEMING and STONE departed approximately 10:00 p.m., leaving STONE near his residence and FLEMING proceeded to 2 taverns and then home about 2:00 a.m. Identifies taverns as Family Tavern at 12th and Kearney Sts, NE, and an unnamed tavern on 7th Street in Brookland. His companion was a man by the name of MIKE who he believes would be known to the management of the Family Tavern.

FLEMING denies knowledge of or participation in cross burning. Denies knowledge of participants.

Efforts to locate JOHN KASPER this evening were unsuccessful. His residence could not be established, he was not at his place of business, his alleged partner, Mrs. NORA DEVERAU, at the place of business stated he was using her car; that he was out making contacts but he had no fixed residence address. She stated she would cooperate in having him contact WFO when she became aware of his whereabouts. Efforts to contact will continue tomorrow a.m.

EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON, Chairman, Southeast WCC advised all he knows concerning burning of crosses is what he has read in newspapers. Denies any knowledge of incident and states to best of his knowledge burning of crosses not sponsored by WCC. States

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DIRECTOR 7/17/56

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between 10:00 p.m. 7/13/56 and 1:00 p.m. 7/14/56, he was discussing council business with members. JOHNSTON declined to furnish names of any individuals attending council meeting 7/13/56. States he is prohibited by action of the Board of Directors and Bylaws from furnishing names of any members. States he will consult council and ~~furnish advisability~~ ^{advise} of furnishing additional info later. JOHNSTON will be recontacted 7/18/56.

Intensive efforts will be made to conclude this investigation at earliest possible date.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM: SAC, WFO (89-42)

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Re Bureau instructions subjects be specifically asked whether there was any discussion regarding the burning of crosses at any of the meetings of the White Citizens' Council (WCC). As Bureau was advised by Richmond teletype 7/16/56, subject LEE was contacted and declined to be interviewed, answer any questions, or to cooperate further with Agents.

Concerning interview with HOCKETT, in view of attitude exhibited by this individual, it was felt desirable to await results of efforts of WPD to arrest this individual in the hope that he could be then jointly interviewed by WPD and WFO Agents. WPD was unable to perfect arrangements for arrest during 7/16/56.

During A. M. today, WPD advises they tentatively planned to secure local warrant for HOCKETT at about 2:00 p.m. today in connection with operating motor vehicle bearing dead Florida tags. If this plan is consummated, WFO will participate in interview with HOCKETT following his arrest by WPD, and at such time will endeavor to obtain answer to AG's question, as well as endeavor to secure any other information of pertinence which HOCKETT might be willing to offer.

During the afternoon of 7/16/56, ROWLEY was located at place of employment by Bureau Agents and consented to interview. As the Bureau was advised, he advised there was no discussion at any WCC meeting attended by him concerning cross burnings. During this interview, ROWLEY advised he attended meeting of WCC at American Legion Hall, 3201 Nichols Avenue, S. E., on 7/6/56 and 7/13/56. Stated 7/13/56 meeting attended by total of approximately 20 persons, including himself, HOCKETT, and LEE. ROWLEY stated there was also present JOHN KASPER, Organizer, WCC, and EDGAR F. JOHNSTON of WCC.

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States that meeting began 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. and lasted for approximately ninety minutes. Advises after meeting broke up, HOCKETT approached him and inquired whether he wanted to participate in cross burnings. He stated he agreed. LEE was also present and left the hall with ROWLEY. HOCKETT, according to ROWLEY, went in his own car. ROWLEY refuses to state what occurred from this point until he again joined HOCKETT at the Sheraton Park Hotel at approximately midnight, except to state that LEE was with him in ROWLEY's brother's car. When asked to explain the circumstances under which LEE accompanied ROWLEY, ROWLEY stated "I guess he must have been assigned that way." He stated that it appeared that LEE had prior knowledge of the plans and LEE told him that this was the first time he had participated in this sort of thing. ROWLEY stated that he did not see HOCKETT approach any other groups standing in the American Legion Hall following the meeting. ROWLEY stated that he and LEE returned to the vicinity of the American Legion Hall at approximately two in the morning, 7/14/56, and that others were supposed to rendezvous there, but he did not see anyone. He was unwilling to state the purpose of the rendezvous. ^{or unable}

ROWLEY terminated the interview at this point indicating his desire to think it over, especially in view of the fact he was asked to name individuals who were in attendance at the meeting P. M. on 7/13/56. Arrangements made to continue interview with ROWLEY at 11:45 a.m. today, and Bureau will be advised.

Attention of Bureau is directed to the statement of ROWLEY concerning LEE, "I guess he must have been assigned that way," and to the possible rendezvous at the American Legion Hall following burnings.

Attention of Bureau also directed to time element involved in four burnings concerning in this investigation. It is felt by WFO that because of time element involved,

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it is entirely possible that more than one group of individuals participated therein. This view is supported by the fact that LEE and ROWLEY have admitted their involvement in the Sheraton Park burnings, and there appears no reason why they would not admit participation in other occurrences if they had in fact participated. This strongly raises question concerning advisability of investigative efforts to identify other individuals attending the WCC meeting on 7/13/56. This also raises the point that herein we may have involved organization as distinguished ~~by~~ individual activity.

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Reference is made to WFO request to Assistant Director ROSEN on the morning of 7/15/56, for Bureau authority to interview officials of WCC and in particular JOHN KASPER, Organizer, FLOYD FLEMING, Chairman, and NORA DEVERAU, Secretary-Treasurer. It was pointed out that SAC letter 55-36 prohibited such interviews without Bureau authority.

For the information of the Bureau, WPD today advised they are considering bringing FLOYD FLEMING of WCC to police headquarters for purpose of interview, particularly in order to identify other individuals who may have been involved in instant burnings.

Bureau is requested to instruct whether WFO should participate with WPD if planned interview by WPD with FLEMING takes place. Bureau is also requested to advise whether WFO should conduct interviews with other WCC personnel, including KASPER and DEVERAU.

In view of the information contained herein, Bureau is requested to advise whether and to what extent this investigation should be extended beyond the undeveloped leads stated in the report of SA KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE, dated 7/15/56, at Washington, D. C.

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At 1:30 p.m. today, while ROWLEY was being reinterviewed by other Agents, AUSA FREDERICK G. SMITHSON was again contacted for the purpose of obtaining prosecutive opinion. At that time Mr. SMITHSON was furnished orally, but in full detail, the additional information obtained from ROWLEY on the occasion of the interview with him on 7/16/56. SMITHSON stated that he and USA GASCH have considered the entire details contained in the report of SA KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE dtd 7/15/56, submitted by WFO, and that in view of the supplementary information obtained during the 7/16/56 reinterview of ROWLEY, he proposed to acquaint USA GASCH with these additional facts. He stated he did not believe this would cause a material change in his and Mr. GASCH's initial impression of the case; that there is a question as to its prosecutive merit. He stated at that time it was also his intention, prior to furnishing his final opinion as to prosecution, to discuss the entire matter with the Office of the AG, Criminal Div.

When the additional details were secured as the result of the further reinterview with ROWLEY, 7/17/56, SMITHSON was again contacted on 7/17/56 at which time he was given full info as furnished by ROWLEY involving other individuals who participated in the cross burnings.

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Re rpt. SA KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE 7/15/56, WFO.

Det. Sgt. J. Y. CHENNAULT, MPD, advised SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM 7/16/56, that T. PERRY LIPPITT, Marshal, U.S. Supreme Court, had advised him Justice FELIX FRANKFURTER had told him the morning of 7/16/56, that the janitor at 3016 Dumbarton Ave., N.W., had obtained the License No. of the car, the occupants of which had burned the cross in front of FRANKFURTER's home. Sgt. CHENNAULT and SA CHISHOLM interviewed the janitor, JAMES D. DAWSON, on 7/16/56. DAWSON advised he was asleep at time cross burned but discussed matter with FRANKFURTER's maid (name unknown) the next day. Stated he told her he had heard on radio that someone got tag numbers of car at hotel but was apparently misunderstood by maid. DAWSON related maid is only person in FRANKFURTER household he has talked with. States did not see car and knows of no other party who did.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: July 17, 1956

FROM : L. B. Nichols.

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Last Sunday while I was down in the country, Mrs. Walter Johnson called me. She is the wife of the late Walter Johnson who was Commonwealth Attorney for many years of Northumberland County and with whom I had a very friendly relationship. Walter Johnson was the first Republican commonwealth attorney elected in the State of Virginia, was at one time chairman of the State Republican Committee, was the Republican candidate for governor five or six years ago. He, at one time, was in FCC and was ousted by James Lawrence Fly when he couldn't tolerate Fly's left-wing activities. Johnson died suddenly and was buried a week ago Tuesday. I had wanted to go to the funeral but couldn't get away.

Mrs. Johnson was very much upset as she had heard on the television of the arrest of Ronald E. Rowley who, she said, was her nephew. She stated that he was a student at the University of Virginia, came from a very good family, and she could not understand how the boy could have become involved in such activities. Since the FBI was mentioned on the television, she had called me to see if I could find out what it was all about. I told her that I was coming back to Washington, Sunday evening, and would check upon my return.

About a half-hour later, she called back and stated that she had just talked to her sister and that Rowley had paid a fine and the matter was not quite as bad as she originally thought.

Today a woman presumed to be Rowley's mother called my office. She called on the telephone three times but did not give her name. I was in and out of the office attending the U. S. Attorneys' Conference. I told the girls that I simply could not see her and arranged for DeLoach to see her if this was satisfactory.

She left the attached unsigned letter, with the clippings, in my office late on the afternoon of July 17, merely pointing out that the family is much concerned for Ronnie and that the family hopes that nothing will jeopardize his future education at the University of Virginia. She points out that, since Wal-

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Johnson was well known to Leonard Hall, Mr. Wise (he is the retired general manager of the Richmond News-Leader, who also lives in the Northern Neck of Virginia - in fact, across the cove from us), Mr. Brownell and other members of the Republican Party, she hoped the affair could be settled quietly as far as Ronnie is concerned.

It seems to me that, if Rowley was not cooperative and if he is believed to have information, I can very well get in touch with Mrs. Johnson and advise her as a friend that the thing to do would be to have Rowley tell the full facts. Certainly this could not do him any harm.

*I have urged A.G.
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present entire matter
to the Grand Jury.
It is a shameful
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Mr. Louis B. Nichols:

Attached clippings are for your information. A letter of apology was also sent to Mr. Brownell by mail direct.

The family are concerned very much for Ronnie in this matter and it is hoped sincerely that nothing will jeopardize or interfere with his future education at the University of Virginia.

He is a nephew of Walter and Marguerite R. Johnson and was down at her home this past week-end, on Sunday. The writer was also present. Since Walter Johnson was well known to Lenoard Hall, Mr. Wise, Mr. Brownell and many other members of the Republican Party, it is hoped that this whole unfortunate affair may be settled quietly, as far as Ronnie is concerned.

Thank you for your attention.

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Memo to Mr. Tolson
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Rev. Leslie Glenn Weds; Former St. John's Rector

The Rev. Dr. C. Leslie Glenn, former rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette sq. nw., and Neville Johnson Barry of 16 Kalorama Circle nw., were married Sunday in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Sewickley, Pa.

The marriage was performed by the Right Rev. Austin Pardue, Episcopal Bishop of Pittsburgh. A reception followed at the home of Charles Oliver, a cousin of Mrs. Glenn's.

The couple left for Ann Arbor, Mich., where they will make their home at 2409 Vine-wood blvd. On Aug. 6, they will go to Europe.

Dr. Glenn, for 16 years rector of "the Church of the Presidents," resigned in April to become a senior member of the Mental Health Research Institute of the University of Michigan Medical School. His former wife, Mrs. Jack W. Hardy, lives in Los Angeles.

They have three children: Mrs. William Rodiger of Los Angeles, Margaret Glenn of New York, and C. Leslie Glenn Jr., a sophomore at Harvard.

Mrs. Glenn is the widow of Col. David S. Barry, USMC,



THE REV. AND MRS. GLENN
 ... married in Pennsylvania

who died in 1951. Her parents were the late Dr. and Mrs. Loren B. T. Johnson. Her step-mother, Mrs. Loren Johnson, lives at 1901 23d st. nw.

Her children are Mrs. Peter Gilsey of Chevy Chase, Neville Barry of Los Angeles, Mrs. C. Barnwall Straut of Princeton, N. J., and David S. Barry Jr., a student at St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H.

Mrs. Glenn is a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Presbyterian Church, a director of the National Symphony Orchestra and a board member of Children's Hospital.

Rowley Issues 'Apology'

Ronald E. Rowley, who admitted setting fire to crosses in front of the residences of Chief Justice Earl Warren and Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, issued a statement last night that he said was an "open apology."

It read: "I wish to make this an open apology to the President and to all other Government officials concerned, to the effect that I regret any uneasiness that may have been caused or conveyed by the cross burning incident on Friday, July 13, 1956."

Asked to elaborate, Rowley said: "I was just trying to make people aware of something they already know any-

way . . . that the Supreme Court really was out of order."

Warren and Frankfurter joined in the unanimous high court opinion in 1954 that declared segregation in public schools unconstitutional.

Rowley, who lives at 605 N. Jefferson st. in Arlington, was arrested Saturday. He forfeited collateral of \$10 each on two counts on kindling bonfires between sunset and sunrise.

Crosses also were burned in front of the residences of Solicitor General Simon Sobeloff and Mrs. Douglas King of Beltsville, president of the Prince Georges County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

RALEIGH HABERDASHEP

Around the World

U. S. Charges Red Airmen Missing

MOSCOW, July 16 (AP)—The United States tonight accused the Soviet Union of holding a number of American airmen. Some have been missing more than six years.

A United States note to the Soviet Foreign Ministry demanded information about them and others.

It said the U. S. Government is informed and is compelled to believe the Soviet Union is detaining military personnel from two United States planes. They were a U. S. Navy Privateer lost over the Baltic

April 8, 1950, and a U. S. Air Force B-29 that went down on the Sea of Japan or near Kamchatka June 13, 1952.

The note added that it may well be that the Soviet government has in custody crewmen from other aircraft, specifically men who fought for the U. N. Command in Korea.

The note said reports concerning prisoners came from persons released from detention in the Soviet Union and have "now become so persistent and detailed and so credible that although the U. S. Govern-

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Action Seen by End of Week
On President's Burke Plea

By CHARLES YARBROUGH

Warned that further delay will be "the most dangerous gamble Congress ever took," the Senate Appropriations Committee had the Burke airport issue under advisement today.

A decision on President Eisenhower's request for \$34.7 million to build a second Washington airport in nearby Fairfax County, Va., is expected this week, Senator Hayden, Democrat of Arizona, committee chairman said yesterday.

The stern warning on further delay in alleviating the congestion at National airport came from Senator Monroney, Democrat of Oklahoma, at the close of a day-long hearing.

"It is a strange thing to me that this crash (the Grand Canyon two-plane tragedy which took 128 lives) didn't happen at National," he said.

The day's hearing, which ran until well after 6 p.m., heard testimony from Commerce Undersecretary Rothschild that National "or any other airport in the country, will never be operated beyond the limit of safe capacity."

Friendship Studied.

Interim use of Baltimore's Friendship International Airport, as recommended by Commerce Secretary Weeks, key-stoned the opposition to the Burke proposal.

Civil Aeronautics Administrator Charles J. Lowen, Jr., told the Senators Friendship's normal traffic growth, plus surplus Washington traffic would so overload the Baltimore facility that by 1965 both "would be denied adequate air service."

The airlines and the Air Line Pilots oppose even interim use of Friendship until a solution is found for Washington's problem.

Charging the "airline lobby" with plotting against the use of Friendship, Senator Butler, Republican of Maryland, and spearhead of the opposition to Burke, declared if the airlines "ever get to Friendship, they'll never leave there." He said Burke would be the "greatest boondoggle of all times."

"National airport was called

a boondoggle, too," Senator Monroney replied, "but it made \$891,710 last year."

Supports Burke

Henry Rolfs, Fairfax contractor and chairman of the Committee for Burke Airport, told the committee that modern airport history indicates that Burke would be a "gold mine" from the standpoint of industry, jobs, payrolls and taxes.

He had two opponents, Ernest W. Reisner, chairman of a citizens group against Burke, and Joseph H. Freehill, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The board has voted against Burke six times.

Mr. Reisner headed the group which gathered 3,000 signers to a petition opposing Burke, but pro-Burke witnesses pointed out that "almost twice" that number voted in favor of the airport in a mail poll of registered voters taken by Representative Broyhill, Republican of Virginia.

Mr. Broyhill appeared as a witness; he admitted that his mail poll showed over 50 per cent in favor of Burke, but said he still opposes it because he feels "it is not in the best interest of the country."

County Growth Cited

Mr. Freehill cited Fairfax County's growth—from 98,557 in 1950 to an estimated 180,000 now—and took the stand that an airport has no business in such an expanding residential community. He said that Burke would be within five miles of 20 schools either now built or planned.

Opposition rose from Senator Holland, Democrat of Florida, and from Senator Ellender, Democrat of Louisiana, largely on the grounds of its cost—an estimated \$47 million.

Senator Holland asked further pursuit of "an expedient" such as removal of the Military Air Transport Service from National; eviction of the Air Force from Andrews; removal of Bolling Air Force Base and the Anacostia Naval Air Station.

Milton W. Arnold, vice president of the Air Transport Association, offered an answer. "You could take a bulldozer over there and level Anacostia and Bolling and it still wouldn't help National in instrument weather." He also said that the Military Air Transport had only 1,200 plane movements at National last year.

Helicopter Idea Hit

Mr. Arnold was critical of a proposal from Senator Holland that helicopter shuttle service might be used between National Airport and Friendship. The ATA executive cited the increased traffic helicopters would impose on already-congested air lanes and said "copters aren't yet large enough to handle the volume of passengers which would be using them."

Senator Beall, Republican of Maryland, urged the use of Friendship, as did Franklin T. McHugh, aviation director of the Baltimore Association of Commerce. Mr. McHugh contended that construction of Burke would only bring more aircraft into the congested area. Any further expansion at National "is a waste of money," he declared in urging that all work on National be ceased.

William H. Press, of the Washington Board of Trade, told the committee that surveys made by the board show a majority of residents of northern Virginia favor the Burke site.

Representative Flood, Democrat of Pennsylvania, in a statement issued last night, demanded

Apologizes for Cross Burning

Ronald E. Rowley, 24, 605 North Jefferson street, Arlington, who forfeited \$20 Saturday on two cross-burning counts, issued an open apology last night.

Crosses were set afire Friday night near the Sheraton Park Hotel, Brandywine Apartments and at Beltsville, Md., home of the chairman of the Prince Georges County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

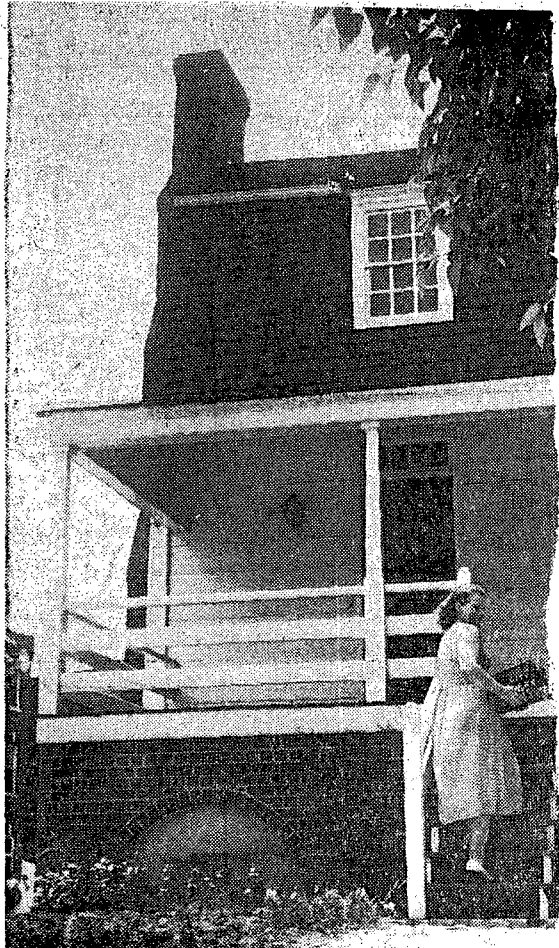
Near the hotel cross were signs bearing the names of Chief Justice Warren and Senator Lehman, Democrat of New York, both Sheridan Park residents. The Brandywine is the residence of Simon E. Sobeloff, who as Solicitor General, argued the Government's case for school racial integration.

Rowley's letter, dated yesterday, read:

"I wish to make this an open apology to the President and to all other Government officials concerned, to the effect that I regret any uneasiness that may have been caused or conveyed by the cross burning incident on Friday, July 13, 1956. There was no intention on my part to cause any harm to anyone."

At the time of his arrest Saturday, police said the University of Virginia extension student told them he and some friends were protesting the Supreme Court's anti-segregation decision.

A woman at Rowley's home today said he was not available for comment. She said he was "not involved in the county cross-



RAMSEY HOUSE GETS NEW OC

Alexandria's oldest house, once owned by the city's opened for official use yesterday after a recent renov- office was moved into the first floor. Later a historic monial room for the present Mayor will be set up. Th liam Ramsey in 1748. Moving in are Mrs. Patsy Althi Miss Carole Lee Nixon, secretary.—Star Staff Photo.

D. C. Woman Indicted In Child-Custody Case

LYNCHBURG, Va., July 17 (AP).—A 48-year-old Washington Government secretary has been indicted here on a charge of taking her 10-year-old grand-daughter from a Lynchburg school May 15 and turning her over to the child's father in Maryland.

Mrs. Muriel M. Sharpe was served with a fugitive warrant in Upper Marlboro, Prince Georges County, Md., Friday when she attended custody proceedings over the child, Victoria Jane Sharpe.

Also arrested at the time was the child's father, Warren F. Sharpe, who was awarded custody of the child by Judge Charles G. Marbury in Upper Marlboro Circuit Court.

Both Mrs. Sharpe and her son were released under bond, according to Upper Marlboro police who served the warrants brought to them by Lynchburg Police Chief R. O. Brooks.

Commonwealth's Attorney Royston Jester III said yesterday he would start extradition proceedings as he received all the "necessary information" to have the grandmother and the father returned to Lynchburg.

Mrs. Sharpe won the first round in the custody battle June 28 when Chief Judge Bolitha J. Laws of United States District Court for the District of Columbia refused to return her to Lynchburg to face a charge of illegally seizing her grand-daughter.

The father faces a six-month jail sentence imposed here by Judge O. Raymond Cundiff of Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court on a 1951 charge of non-support.

The custody proceedings were

started by the child's mother, now Mrs. Martha Peck of Middletown, Ohio, who also brought the non-support charges against the father from whom she is divorced.

The warrant charges Mrs. Sharpe with taking the child from the custody of her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Agatha P. Wray of Lynchburg, who was keeping her for the mother.

McKeldin Probing Office Lease Deal

BALTIMORE, July 17 (AP).—Gov. McKeldin said he would ask for a full report on the leasing by the State Department of Employment Security of office space in a specially constructed building in Towson.

The Governor said he would have no comment on the matter until he receives a report from Robert B. Kimble, department director.

The building is being constructed by a firm headed by Senator George W. Della, Democrat of Baltimore, for special occupancy by the ESB. Gov. McKeldin was questioned about the propriety of the deal since Della is a State Senator.

Mr. Kimble has defended rental of the building from L. Hunt Realtors, Inc. on grounds that the company could provide suitable office space at a proper price.

Senator Della said the firm is making a loss by leasing the structure to the State instead of accepting another offer at a higher rate. He said stockholders stood to make only 10 per cent on their investment over a 10-year period.

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Rowley Issues 'Apology'

Ronald E. Rowley, who admitted setting fire to crosses in front of the residences of Chief Justice Earl Warren and Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, issued a statement last night that he said was an "open apology."

It read: "I wish to make this an open apology to the President and to all other Government officials concerned, to the effect that I regret any uneasiness that may have been caused or conveyed by the cross burning incident on Friday, July 13, 1956."

Asked to elaborate, Rowley said: "I was just trying to make people aware of something they already know any-

way . . . that the Supreme Court really was out of order."

Warren and Frankfurter joined in the unanimous high court opinion in 1954 that declared segregation in public schools unconstitutional.

Rowley, who lives at 605 N. Jefferson st. in Arlington, was arrested Saturday. He forfeited collateral of \$10 each on two counts on kindling bonfires between sunset and sunrise.

Crosses also were burned in front of the residences of Solicitor General Simon Sobeloff and Mrs. Douglas King of Beltsville, president of the Prince Georges County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject ROWLEY on 7/16, 17/56 identified additional persons as responsible for instant cross burnings, stating that EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON, JOHN KASPER, and an unidentified individual were known by him to have been in possession of two crosses late evening 7/13/56. States he later observed these persons in vicinity of residence of Victim SOBELOFF at which time ROWLEY states he and subjects LEE and HOCKETT proceeded to the Sheraton Park Hotel where they burned crosses. ROWLEY claims he has no info re crosses burned in Beltsville, Maryland. JOHNSTON on interview denied he participated in cross burning and refused cooperation. FLOYD FLEMING, who stated he attended WCC meeting night of 7/13/56 denied any info concerning cross burnings. Identified others present at this meeting.			
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The title of this case is being marked CHANGED to reflect the following: the inclusion of JOHN KASPER as a subject; the inclusion of EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON as a subject; the inclusion of "Unknown Subjects."

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INTERVIEW WITH RONALD E. ROWLEY ON JULY 16, 1956

On July 16, 1956, subject ROWLEY was located at the Applied Physics Laboratory, Johns Hopkins University, 3621 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, where he was working in connection with his employment by the American District Telegraph Company.

ROWLEY was interviewed by SAs RICHARD B. LAVIN and LEO I. PROSISE. He advised that he has attended three meetings of the White Citizens Councils (WCC). One meeting was at the Annapolis Hotel in Washington, D. C., on June 15, 1956. The other two meetings were held on Friday, July 6, 1956, and Friday, July 13, 1956, at the American Legion Hall, Kenna - Main Post, 3201 Nichols Avenue, S. E. He estimated that approximately 15 persons attended the meeting on July 6, 1956, and about 20 attended the meeting on July 13, 1956. The meeting at the Annapolis Hotel was more or less a large rally and not the meeting of a particular council. ROWLEY informed that the meeting at the American Legion Hall started sometime between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. and lasted for approximately 1½ hours. He stated the meetings usually consist of a general discussion concerning what the Communists are doing and the relation between Communist ideals and integration.

ROWLEY denied there was any mention or suggestion regarding the burning of crosses at any of the meetings of the WCC which he attended. He said as far as he knows, the burning of the crosses on July 13, 1956, was not an activity sponsored by the WCC.

ROWLEY stated that FRED PLANT HOCKETT and JOHN DAVID LEE were present at the meeting on July 13, 1956. He refused to name other individuals who were present but when specifically asked whether JOHN KASPER and EDGAR JOHNSTON were there, he stated that they both were present at the meetings of July 6 and July 13, 1956. It will be noted that KASPER has been described as the organizer for the WCC in the Washington area and EDGAR JOHNSTON has been described as the temporary Chairman of the Southeast Council, WCC.

According to ROWLEY, after the meeting was over but while they were still in the American Legion Hall, the gathering broke up into smaller groups. He said he was talking to HOCKETT and LEE and did not notice specifically the number or the identity of the persons making up other groups. He advised that HOCKETT asked him if he would like to go out and burn some crosses, and he agreed to do so. ROWLEY stated this is the first time he had heard anything regarding the burning of crosses. He advised that he and LEE left the American Legion Hall together and drove away in the automobile which ROWLEY had borrowed from his brother. This is the automobile described as a 1955 black and yellow Ford victoria, bearing Virginia license 306-529. He stated he did not know where HOCKETT went at that time. He was asked whether arrangements were made to meet later with HOCKETT, but he refused to answer. He also refused to state whether other automobiles were involved or to state where they met after the burnings.

ROWLEY steadfastly maintained that he was involved only in the incident at the Sheraton Park Hotel. He said HOCKETT was apparently in charge of this group. When asked to explain how it was that LEE accompanied him to the scene, ROWLEY stated "I guess he must have been assigned that way." At this time he denied that he knew who had made the assignment. He stated that LEE appeared to have had prior knowledge of the plans but that LEE told him this was the first time he had participated in this sort of thing. ROWLEY estimated that he and LEE arrived at the Sheraton Park Hotel somewhere between 11:45 p.m. on July 13, 1956, and 12:15 a.m. on July 14, 1956. He said HOCKETT, who was in his station wagon, brought one of the crosses over and placed it on the ground inside the hedge on the lawn at the Sheraton Park Hotel. ROWLEY admitted that he set one cross up on the lawn and lit it. He stated the cross which he erected was the one nearer the Hotel building. He informed that the cross was already saturated with kerosene when he picked it up. He further stated that either HOCKETT or LEE or both set up the other cross at the Sheraton Park Hotel. He was of the opinion that only two crosses were carried in HOCKETT's station

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wagon, although he claimed not to be sure of this. He explained that when HOCKETT brought over the crosses to the hedge, he instructed ROWLEY to get a bag which was in the station wagon. ROWLEY said when he picked up the bag which apparently contained the signs or placards, he did not notice any crosses in the station wagon. ROWLEY said the bag in which the signs were contained appeared to be the ordinary type of department store paper bag. He denied knowing what was written on the signs or that he placed either of them on the lawn at the Hotel. He stated that he knew Chief Justice WARREN and Senator LEHMAN resided at the Hotel, but that no attempt was made to ascertain whether either was there at the time of the cross burning.

ROWLEY stated definitely that he did not intend that any harm should come to any individuals as a result of his activities.

ROWLEY admitted that after burning the crosses, there was supposed to be a rendezvous in the vicinity of the American Legion Hall on Nichols Avenue, S.E. He said he and LEE drove past this location at approximately 2:00 a.m. on July 14, 1956, but no one else showed up so he took LEE home and then returned to his own home. ROWLEY was questioned regarding whom he expected to meet at the rendezvous in addition to HOCKETT. He claimed he did not know who to expect at the rendezvous, and he was unwilling or unable to state the purpose of the rendezvous.

ROWLEY denied that he went to any other places where crosses were burned. He admitted that HOCKETT may have mentioned the names of others who were to participate in the burning of the crosses and that HOCKETT probably mentioned to him that other crosses were to be burned. He claimed, however, that he did not know the locations where the crosses were to be burned.

ROWLEY stated that he thinks there may have been other persons involved in the burning of the crosses who

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had attended the meeting of the WCC. He indicated that HOCKETT may have mentioned some of these names to him, but he was not sure. He stated that he would like to take time to think the matter over before naming the individuals whom he could identify as having been in attendance at the WCC meeting on July 13, 1956.

At the termination of the interview, an appointment was made to recontact ROWLEY at the same location at 11:45 a.m. on July 17, 1956.

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CONTINUATION OF ROWLEY
INTERVIEW ON JULY 17, 1956

On July 17, 1956, the interview with ROWLEY was continued by SAs LEO I. PROSISE and RICHARD B. LAVIN at ROWLEY's place of employment, 8621 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

ROWLEY advised that after the WCC meeting broke up at the Kenna-Main American Legion Post, 3201 Nichols Avenue, S. E., on July 13, 1956, he accompanied FRED HOCKETT, and an unknown individual in a red pickup truck, either a Chevrolet or a Studebaker, to the end of a dead-end street directly opposite the American Legion Hall. ROWLEY advised that four wooden crosses were taken from HOCKETT's station wagon and placed on the ground where they were drenched in kerosene. ROWLEY stated that the kerosene had been contained in a glass jug which was taken from HOCKETT's station wagon. He also believes that a tin can may have been used to drench the crosses. ROWLEY stated that he did not actually take any part in pouring the kerosene.

After the crosses were drenched two crosses were placed in HOCKETT's station wagon and two crosses were placed in the red pickup truck. ROWLEY advised that the red pickup truck was either a Chevrolet or Studebaker, 1953 model, and that it bore a Virginia license tag.

ROWLEY advised that after the crosses were drenched they returned to the vicinity of the American Legion Hall where a caravan was made up of four vehicles. According to ROWLEY, FRED HOCKETT in his station wagon was the first vehicle in line. The red truck carrying two crosses with an unknown male individual alone was second. A third vehicle contained ROWLEY and JOHN DAVID LEE. According to ROWLEY, the fourth vehicle contained JOHN KASPER, an organizer of the WCC and EDGAR JOHNSTON, identified by ROWLEY as the temporary Chairman of the WCC, Southeast Council. ROWLEY described this fourth vehicle as approximately a 1953 Oldsmobile or Pontiac carrying either Maryland or District of Columbia tags. ROWLEY believes that it was a two-tone car with a white hood and other portions of brown.

According to ROWLEY, at the time that the crosses were drenched with kerosene, he believes that KASPER and JOHNSTON were still at the American Legion Hall. ROWLEY furnished the information that the following persons had been in attendance at the American Legion Hall during the main portion of the WCC meeting. He was unable to state whether or not they had remained after the meeting was over in one of the groups that stood around the Hall: FRED HOCKETT, Mrs. FRED HOCKETT, JOHN DAVID LEE, JOHN KASPER, EDGAR JOHNSTON, (FNU) CUNNINGHAM (Phonetic), FLOYD FLEMING, Unknown male individual who drove the red pickup truck, ALEX HANNA, Mrs. ALEX HANNA, a man by the name of STONE or SLOAN, EDWARD STROHECKER and an unknown male individual from Northeast Washington. ROWLEY is not sure that the man he referred to as EDWARD STROHECKER was actually EDWARD STROHECKER.

It is to be noted that ROWLEY stated that ALEX HANNA and his wife only stopped in at the meeting for a short time and that they were out that night celebrating a wedding anniversary.

ROWLEY advised that after the caravan was made up outside of the American Legion Hall, they proceeded through Northeast Washington, crossed over to Northwest Washington until they reached Connecticut Avenue. The caravan then proceeded south on Connecticut Avenue and all four vehicles turned left at the approximate vicinity of 4545 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., the home of Solicitor General SIMON SOBELOFF. ROWLEY stated that after turning off Connecticut Avenue, the red truck and the vehicle carrying KASPER and JOHNSTON drove approximately 200 feet from Connecticut Avenue and stopped. At the time of turning off Connecticut Avenue, the line of march had been changed to the following: HOCKETT's station wagon was first, the red truck was second, KASPER and JOHNSTON were third, and ROWLEY and LEE were fourth. ROWLEY advised that after the red truck and the vehicle containing KASPER and JOHNSTON had stopped, he followed FRED HOCKETT who made a right-hand turn at the end of the block, another right-hand turn at the next block and proceeded back to Connecticut Avenue, where they turned south again and proceeded to the Sheraton Park Hotel where they ignited the two crosses. ROWLEY advised that after the red truck and the vehicle containing KASPER and JOHNSTON stopped in the vicinity of the SOBELOFF residence he did not see them again that night. ROWLEY advised that they approached the Connecticut Avenue stopping place at approximately 11:30 to 12:00 p.m., July 13, 1956.

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ROWLEY advised that on Saturday evening, July 14, 1956, sometime after 6:00 p.m., he received a telephone call at his home from JOHN KASPER during which call KASPER stated to ROWLEY that "I am" or "we are proud of you."

ROWLEY stated that he did not know where the crosses or signs were made but believes that probably HOCKETT made them. He also advised that he has no information concerning the cross ignited in Maryland and that actually he did not see or know for sure how the crosses were ignited at the residences of Justice FRANKFURTER or Solicitor General SOBELOFF.

ROWLEY furnished the following descriptions of men mentioned above who either attended the meeting or were in the caravan:

EDGAR JOHNSTON

Age: 25-30
Height: 5' 11"
Weight: 150-160 pounds
Hair: Brown; crewcut
Eyes: Blue
Employment: WRC TV Cameraman

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL IN RED TRUCK

Age: 40
Height: 5' 8"
Weight: 150 pounds
Hair: Dark; receding forehead
Employment: Possibly construction work due to tanned face.

ROWLEY advised that this man also attended the WCC meeting at the American Legion Hall on July 6, 1956.

(FNU) CUNNINGHAM (Phonetic)

Age: 38
Height: 6' 2"
Weight: 200 pounds
Hair: Dark; curly
Remarks: Heavy tan. ROWLEY believes that he may have had a mustache.

(FNU) STONE OR SLOAN

Age: 50
Height: 5' 7"
Weight: 190 pounds
Hair: Gray
Remarks: Chubby; wears horn-rimmed glasses.

ROWLEY advised that STONE or SLOAN, FLOYD FLEMING and the man tentatively identified as EDWARD STROHECKER, had a glass of beer at the Normandy Restaurant on Alabama Avenue, before the WCC meeting at the American Legion Hall on July 13, 1956.

ALEX HANNA

Age: 30
Height: 5' 10"
Weight: 150-160 pounds
Hair: Brown or "dirty" blonde

ROWLEY advised that this man looks young, but may be older when you get a close look at his face.

ROWLEY stated that he has now furnished all information in his possession concerning the burning of the crosses. He reiterated that no mention of the cross burnings has ever been made at any WCC meeting that he has attended and that it was not mentioned at the WCC meeting at the Legion Hall on July 13, 1956.

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INTERVIEW WITH EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON

EDGAR FRANKLIN JOHNSTON, Apartment 201, 1103 Bellevue Street S.E., was interviewed on July 17, 1956, by Detective Sergeant J. Y. CHENNAULT, Metropolitan Police Department, and SA LESLIE B. CHISHOLM. JOHNSTON stated that he is the Chairman of the Southeast WCC, and that all he knows concerning the burning of the crosses is what he has read in the newspapers. JOHNSTON emphatically denied he participated in or had any knowledge of the burning of the crosses, with the exception of information obtained from newspapers and radio. JOHNSTON stated that, to the best of his knowledge, the burning of the crosses was not sponsored, nor done with the approval of, the WCC.

JOHNSTON was questioned concerning the names of the persons in attendance at the WCC meeting on July 13, 1956. In response to these questions, he declined to furnish the name of anyone attending this meeting, and stated he is prohibited by action of the Board of Directors and by-laws of the organization from furnishing the names of any members. He generally commented that the action of the Board of Directors with regard to the disclosing of names of members of the WCC was apparently to prevent economic reprisal against members, such as loss of jobs, in view of the fact that the organization's activities have been of a controversial nature.

JOHNSTON was questioned concerning his whereabouts between approximately 10:00 p.m., July 13, 1956, and 1:00 a.m., July 14, 1956. He stated he was with members of the WCC discussing Council business. He declined to furnish the names of the individuals he was with, and stated he desired to consult counsel, which would be provided by the WCC, before making any further comments concerning this matter, and he stated he would advise the Washington Field Office whether he desired to furnish any further information.

During the course of the interview he was friendly and polite. At the outset of the interview, and on several occasions during it, JOHNSTON was advised that the Bureau was investigating the cross burnings and not the WCC.

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However, during the course of the interview, he voluntarily set forth some of his views concerning the Council. He stated there was an extreme left wing in the United States, which was the Communists, and that they (the Council) represented the most radical right wing element in the United States, which he considered to be an offset to the left wing. On several occasions during his general comments concerning the Council he pointed out that they did not believe in assassination, but that he did not see anything necessarily wrong with cross burning, and that he felt that the individuals who were responsible for these activities should be proud of their feat.

On July 18, 1956, JOHNSTON telephonically contacted SA CHISHOLM at the Washington Field Office. He advised that he had consulted with counsel concerning this matter and that he had been advised to make absolutely no further statements, and had been advised that under no circumstances was he to reveal the names of any of the members of the Council.

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INTERVIEW OF FLOYD FLEMING

Mr. FLOYD FLEMING, 905 Quincy Street, N. E., furnished the following information upon interview on July 17, 1956, by SAs LEO I. PROSISE and WARREN L. LOVE:

At the invitation of JOHN KASPER, who FLEMING identified as the WCC organizer "for this area," sometime during June, 1956, FLEMING attended the meeting of the WCC at the Annapolis Hotel on June 15, 1956. A week or so later, KASPER asked if FLEMING would accept the chairmanship of the Northwest Council of the WCC, and FLEMING replied that if he did, he would do so on a temporary basis. To date, FLEMING has not accepted the above offer. KASPER mentioned to FLEMING that he was organizing councils of the WCC in Maryland recently, and FLEMING believes that one of the locations mentioned by FLEMING was Laplata, Maryland.

At the invitation of EDGAR JOHNSTON, who FLEMING believes is the WCC organizer for the Southeast Washington, D. C. area and whom he first met at the WCC meeting of June 15, 1956, FLEMING attended the WCC meeting of July 13, 1956, at the American Legion Hall, 3201 Nichols Avenue, S. E. FLEMING's reason for attending this meeting and the stated purpose of this meeting was to organize a Southeast section of the WCC.

At the invitation of FLEMING, C. T. TINCHER, an architect residing in the vicinity of 15th and I Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., came to FLEMING's residence in a taxicab on the evening of July 13, 1956. FLEMING and TINCHER thereafter departed in FLEMING's automobile for the WCC meeting. En route, they picked up a Mr. STONE, whose full name is not known by FLEMING, but was described as a painter employed at the Naval Air Station, at 11th and Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., and the three continued to the WCC meeting, arriving at approximately 8:00 p.m. STONE accompanied FLEMING and attended instant meeting at FLEMING's invitation.

While standing in front of the American Legion Hall, 3201 Nichols Avenue, S. E., FLEMING, TINCHER and STONE were joined by an unidentified male individual. At FLEMING's suggestion, the above four men proceeded to a nearby tavern approximately 2½ blocks away, where each consumed a beer and thereafter returned to the above American Legion Hall at approximately 8:30 p.m. Upon their return, they joined others in attendance of the WCC meeting, which apparently had just begun.

Also in attendance at this meeting was a Mr. and Mrs. LONG. FLEMING was unable to furnish Mr. and Mrs. LONGs' names or their address. LONG was described as a carpenter employed at the Naval Air Station, Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. LONG attended this meeting at the invitation of FLEMING.

The WCC meeting lasted approximately 1½ hours, or until approximately 10:00 p.m. EDGAR JOHNSTON assumed the role of presiding officer at a lectern. FLEMING estimated there were approximately fifteen persons in attendance at this meeting. The nature, purpose and discussions at this meeting consisted of the ways and means of establishing a Southeast Council of the WCC. FLEMING recalls that the presiding officer made a request for volunteers to assist in addressing envelopes for the purpose of sending out literature concerning the WCC. FLEMING recalls a man, who is known to him only as HOCKETT, who was called upon for his assistance in the above capacity, and this individual declined because he was going to Florida. FLEMING insisted that no discussion was had nor was there any suggestions that crosses be burned or attempted, either before, during or after instant meeting. FLEMING denied that cross burning was discussed at the WCC meeting of June 15, 1956.

TINCHER departed the WCC meeting of July 13, 1956, at approximately 9:30 p.m., because FLEMING thought TINCHER had "a date." TINCHER's mode of departure and TINCHER's activities subsequent to 9:30 p.m. on this evening are unknown to FLEMING.

Instant meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m. FLEMING estimated that at least 50 per cent or more of the persons who were in attendance departed the meeting and presumably left the area. He recalls that some individuals did remain behind and did not consider this unusual and denied any knowledge that these individuals remained for a purpose.

The above Mr. STONE departed instant meeting with FLEMING in the latter's automobile and together they proceeded to the corner of 8th and I Streets, S. E., where STONE alighted for the assumed purpose of returning to his residence in the vicinity. FLEMING continued in his automobile to the Family Tavern, 12th and Kearney Streets, N. E., where FLEMING remained from approximately 11:00 p.m. on July 13, 1956, to approximately 1:00 a.m. on July 14, 1956, with an individual who is known to FLEMING only as "MIKE." "MIKE" was described as an individual of average build, who speaks with an Irish brogue and has an Irish name. FLEMING denied he could furnish further information concerning "MIKE."

At approximately 1:00 a.m., FLEMING and "MIKE" departed the above tavern and proceeded to an unidentified tavern on 7th Street, N. E., in the Brookland area. FLEMING and "MIKE" remained at this tavern until approximately 2:00 a.m., at which time they departed instant tavern and each other's company, and FLEMING arrived at his residence at approximately 2:00 a.m., on July 14, 1956. FLEMING believes that "MIKE" is known at the above Family Tavern but is probably not known at the tavern on 7th Street, N. E., in the Brookland area.

FLEMING denies that he participated in the cross burning incidents of July 13 - 14, 1956. FLEMING denies knowing the identities of the participants in the above cross burning incidents and further denied knowing anyone who may have participated in such incidents. FLEMING denied knowing of anyone who might possess knowledge as to the identities of the participants in the above incidents.

FLEMING denied observing a red truck in the vicinity of the WCC meeting at the American Legion Hall, 3201 Nichols Avenue, S. E. FLEMING denied any knowledge of an individual who owns or may own such a vehicle.

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FLEMING denied knowing RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, JOHN DAVID LEE, ALEX HANNA or an individual by the name of CUNNINGHAM.

FLEMING believes that an individual by the name of STROHECKER is affiliated with the WCC as he associates this name with an individual that he met at the WCC meeting on June 29, 1956. FLEMING stated he does not recall seeing this individual at the WCC meeting of July 13, 1956.

FLEMING stated he was not in sympathy with the cross burning incidents of July 13 - 14, 1956, as he believes in the peaceful petitioning of the government in accordance with constitutional means.

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A copy of this report is being designated for the Baltimore Office for information because it pertains to the activity of their Division.

RICHMOND OFFICE (INFORMATION)

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REFERENCE: Airtels from Washington Field to Bureau dated July 17, 1956.

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TO: DIRECTOR

7/18/56

FROM: SAC, WFO (89-42)

RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al; Chief Justice EARL WARREN, et al -
VICTIMS, ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER

ALEX JAMES HANNA, residing Temple Trailer Village,
Alexandria, Va., employed as Linesman, Rockingham Construction
Co., WDC, related the following:

HANNA first joined WCC fall, 1955, Williamston, N. C. Arrived WDC 12/3/55. Attended his first WCC meeting WDC June, 1956, at invitation JOHN KASPER. Joined WCC, WDC, for 1 year expiring 7/6/57. HANNA, his wife, and JOHN LEE, residing Alexandria, Va., proceeded WCC meeting 7/13/56 approximately 8:15 p.m. in HANNA's 1955 Buick, green body and white top, bearing S. C. tag E8797, arriving approximately 9:00 p.m. Upon arrival, observed JOHN KASPER conducting the meeting concerning recruitment. Estimated 15 people in attendance, including unidentified white male, 60 years, 5' 9", 150 lbs., speaks with foreign accent, drives red Studebaker 1/2 ton pick-up truck, residing Falls Church, Va., and believed employed janitor or handyman for a school in Falls Church, Fairfax, or Arlington Counties, Va. Denies recognition of others attending meeting. Insists he, his wife, and LEE departed meeting 9:30 p.m. and proceeded in HANNA's auto to Cross Roads, Palmer and Piggly Wiggly Restaurants, Prince Georges Co., Md., and return to his residence, after leaving LEE at his own residence, between 12 m to 2:00 a.m., 7/14/56. Denies cross burning mentioned at meeting. Denies participation in or knowledge of those who may have participated cross burning.

Subj LEE refused to be reinterviewed this p.m. Further effort to gain his cooperation will not be made.

JOHN FRED HOCKETT, age 27, Linesman, Potomac Electric Power Co., advised FRED P. HOCKETT is his father but has not seen him since 1941 or 1942. States he (JOHN) is not member of nor is he associated with WCC and was at home, 405 Irvington St.,

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Re: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al
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Glass Manor, Md., with his wife, LEONTEEN W. HOCKETT, entire evening and night of 7/13,14/56. States does not get along with father and disagreement stems from his father's mistreatment of his mother during childhood. JOHN advised he is acquainted with JOHN LEE but has discussed no matters pertaining to WCC or cross burning with LEE.

Neighborhood investigation vicinity of American Legion Hall, Nichols Ave., SE, discloses Fire Dept Engine Co. No. 25 located next door to hall. Fireman T. J. LO MEDICO advised he briefly observed WCC meeting thru window of hall but was unable to hear discussion. States meeting attended by not more than 10 persons with only 1 being a female.

Fireman P. J. MAGLIO states saw delapidated station wagon circling area in front of firehouse between 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m., 7/14/56. Believes could identify if seen again. Attempt being made to photograph HOCKETT's station wagon in order picture may be displayed to MAGLIO.

MAUD CHAMBERS HOCKETT, wife of subj FRED HOCKETT, interviewed at residence 1115 Maryland Ave., NE. Denies attendance at any WCC meetings, specifically meeting of 7/13/56 and denies hearing any conversations or knowledge of burning of crosses until newspaper publicity. Like husband, claims she was home all evening 7/13 and morning of 7/14/56.

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LEROY RUSSELL LONG and his wife, JOYCE HENDRICKSON LONG, 5143 Wheeler Rd., S. E., both stated they attended WCC meeting 7/13/56 from 8:45 P.M. to 9:15 P.M., at invitation of FLOYD FLEMING. Only other person at meeting known to them was JOHN WESLEY STONE who works at Naval Air Station (NAS) where LONG employed. State meeting was of organizational nature, there was no discussion concerning cross burnings. They were not interested in meeting so departed early. Went to Naylor's Restaurant and then home.

JOHN WESLEY STONE, painter at NAS, corroborated statements of FLOYD FLEMING. He attended meeting 7/13/56 at invitation of FLEMING. Only other persons known to him at meeting were LONG and TINCHER. Had no information concerning cross burnings, stated not discussed in his presence.

EDGAR JOHNSTON by telephone today stated on advice of attorney he will not furnish any further information whatever concerning this matter.

LAWANDA BRYAN HANNA (Mrs. ALEX JAMES HANNA), claims that from 8 P.M., 7/13/56 to approximately 2 A.M., 7/14/56, she was in company with subject LEE and her husband. States this date was wedding anniversary and that her husband, LEE and she went to a number of eating and drinking places and at all times during period indicated were in each other's presence. Denies that she or her husband was present at 7/13/56 meeting and that she had ever attended any WCC meeting. States that about 2 A.M., she and husband dropped LEE at his residence on Peyton Street in Alexandria, Va. Mrs. HANNA states husband is member South Carolina branch of WCC but not local member. Advised husband attended WCC meeting 7/6/56 and also on Friday preceding that date. Admitted she and husband obtained post office box at Alexandria in behalf WCC and states gave key to this P. O. box to subject LEE on P.M. 7/13/56.

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HOCKETT reinterviewed and again denies membership in WCC or attendance at any WCC meetings, specifically that of 7/13/56. By indirection HOCKETT implies he is being confused with a son whom he has not seen for 10 years, FRED HOCKETT, JR., possible employee of PEPCO, who was trained in his job by subject LEE. In same breath, withdraws this implication. A JOHN FRED HOCKETT is employed by PEPCO. He will be interviewed as soon as he can be located. HOCKETT again referred to his threat to bring suit this matter, stated planned to file suit afternoon this date. Refused permission to search house or car.

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7/18/56

Since P.M., 7/17/56, WFO has continued efforts to locate and interview JOHN KASPER without success. In this regard have been in contact with NINA DEVERAU, operator of Cadmus Bookshop, with whom he is associated and who would normally be expected to know his whereabouts. She has exhibited hostile attitude and indications are that KASPER may be aware of efforts to locate him and is deliberately avoiding interview.

C. T. TINCHER, who attended meeting at invitation of FLOYD FLEMING, left meeting early to go to a dance then went home. Could not furnish identity of any other persons at the meeting. His statements confirm FLEMING'S statements concerning his presence at the meeting. FLEMING states nothing said in his presence concerning cross burnings.

Unknown subject, allegedly driver of 1953 model red truck, not yet identified.

CUNNINGHAM, who, according to ROWLEY, attended 7/13/56 meeting, not yet identified.

New member from Northeast Washington referred to by ROWLEY as being in attendance at meeting not yet identified.

Subject JOHNSTON will be personally contacted despite his telephone statement that he will not furnish additional information.

Subject LEE will be recontacted for purpose of reinterview although unavailable for this purpose to this time.

Agents now endeavoring locate and interview ALEX JAMES HANNA. Efforts also continuing to locate EDWARD STROHECKER. Interview has been arranged with wife of subject HOCKET, 6 P.M. this date.

AUSA F. G. SMITHSON furnished copy report bearing this date covering interviews with ROWLEY, JOHNSTON and FLEMING and informed investigation proceeding. SMITHSON stated he is continuing consultation with Department and is affording attention and consideration to additional information being developed at this time pending completion of investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR AND SAC, NORFOLK

7/19/56 6:30 p.m.

FROM: SAC, WFO (89-42)

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EDWARD L. STROHECKER, JR., interviewed, denies he is member of WCC or that he attended meeting of 7/13/56. States did not participate in and has no knowledge whatever of cross burnings.

Subject JOHNSTON reinterviewed, refused cooperation other than consented to have photographs taken of his car and himself. States he will advise subject KASPER that FBI wants to talk to him. Indicates KASPER will be available shortly. In later unscheduled interview with JOHNSON, he stated one individual attending 7/13/56 WCC meeting is EARNEST CUNNINGHAM. Refused to furnish any further information concerning this individual. This appears to be additional identification of man named CUNNINGHAM who, according to ROWLEY, attended this meeting.

Mrs. ALEX HANNA reinterviewed. In spite of conflict of her previously furnished information with that furnished by her husband, refuses to discuss matter further, saying it is her personal business what she and her husband did on their anniversary. During interview, a red half-ton pickup truck observed parked beside her trailer, bearing Ga. license plates. Said it was owned by a friend staying with her. Addressed this friend as Mrs. DUPREE but the latter, who appeared frightened, refused to furnish her name or any information except to say her husband used the truck to pick her up at their home in Sater, S. C., leaving Alexandria, Va., before dark, Friday, 7/13/56, and returning with her late Saturday, 7/14/56 or early Sunday, 7/15/56. Truck fits description of one in caravan in instant case.

ALEX JAMES HANNA reinterviewed twice today. States truck parked at his trailer is property of DUPRE HENDERSON, described as friend of Mrs. HANNA. States HENDERSON went to Sater, S. C., evening 7/13/56 to pick up HENDERSON'S wife and personal belongings and is now back in Washington area. Claims does not know where HENDERSON or wife are living or employed. Again stated truck he saw at 7/13/56 WCC meeting was a Studebaker truck. States he will discuss his situation again with wife this evening and thereafter may be receptive to another contact. Will be reinterviewed.

Photographs of HOCKEY and his station wagon obtained ~~this date~~ efforts to locate KASPER this date negative but will be continued.

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SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY; JOHN DAVID LEE; FRED PLANT HOCKETT;
 CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, SENATOR HERBERT LEHMAN,
 ASSOCIATE JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER, SOLICITOR
 GENERAL SIMON SOBLOFF, MRS. DOUGLAS KING - VICTIMS;
 ASSAULTING A FEDERAL OFFICER

The Washington Field Office (WFO) has submitted report dated 7-18-56, which sets forth the details of admissions made by subject Rowley and of investigation which was conducted on 7/16-17/56, which were summarized in our memorandum to the Attorney General dated 7-18-56.

In addition, WFO has submitted 2 airtels dated 7-18-56, setting forth additional investigation since the preparation of this report and consists of interviews with individuals who reportedly attended meeting of White Citizens Council (WCC) in Southeast Washington on night of 7-13-56. Leroy Russell Long and wife attended meeting. They left early because not interested. They denied there was discussion of cross burnings.

John Wesley Stone, a painter at Washington Naval Air Station, attended meeting and stated cross burnings not discussed in his presence. Alex James Hanna and wife were interviewed separately. Hanna admitted membership in WCC in North Carolina in 1955 and admitted membership in Washington WCC. He admitted attending 7-13-56, meeting but denied that cross burnings were mentioned or that he participated or knew those who did participate in cross burnings. His wife denied that she and Hanna even attended the meeting, claiming this date was their wedding anniversary and that they spent evening celebrating in various restaurants.

C. T. Tincher, identified by John Wesley Stone as being in attendance, advised he left meeting early and was unable to identify others in attendance. He heard nothing said in his presence concerning cross burnings.

Edgar Franklin Johnston, who previously identified himself to Agents as chairman of Northwest WCC, refused to furnish any additional information on advice of his attorney. Intensive efforts to locate John Kasper, organizer of WCC, unsuccessful. Investigation indicates he is deliberately avoiding interview. Rowley previously mentioned that a person unknown to him, but who was driving 1953 red pickup truck, was in automobile caravan which proceeded from Southeast to Northwest Washington immediately prior to the cross burnings. Alex James Hanna believes this individual resides Falls Church, Virginia, and is employed as janitor for a school in Fairfax or Arlington Counties, Virginia. Every effort is being made to identify and locate this individual for interview.

Enclosure sent 7-19-56

cc: 1-Mr. Nichols

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Memorandum for Mr. Rosen

Subject Hockett and his wife reinterviewed and both again denied membership in or attendance at any WCC meetings. Both denied knowledge of burning of crosses. Hockett refused to give Agents permission to search his house or car. Subject Lee refused to be reinterviewed when contacted 7-18-56.

Assistant United States Attorney Frederick G. Smithson has been furnished copy of WFO report of 7-18-56, and has been apprised of all developments. He stated he is continuing his consultation with Department as to what action he should take concerning this matter. In this regard, the Director has urged the Attorney General to have United States Attorney present this matter to Grand Jury.

RECOMMENDATION:

For your approval, there is attached a memorandum to the Attorney General with copies for Rogers and Olney. Copies of WFO report of 7-18-56, are being sent as enclosures. Memorandum brings matter up to date through investigation conducted yesterday. Memorandum reiterates Director's suggestion to Attorney General that this matter be presented to Federal Grand Jury as information received from persons interviewed speaks for itself as to their evasiveness and lack of truthfulness.

[Handwritten signatures and initials: "R", "WFO", "J. Edgar Hoover", "7-18-56", and two checkmarks]

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN *Rosen*

DATE: 7/20/56

FROM : F. L. PRICE *Price*

Time of Call: 11:00 PM

SUBJECT: RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY, et al.;
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Resident Agent John Ridgley, Hyattsville, Maryland, called to advise of results of his investigation evening 7/20/56 as to identifying and locating for interview one Pierce (phonetic). You will recall that upon interview by Washington Field Office (WFO) Agents on 7/19/56, subject Rowley advised that after he had agreed to participate in the cross burnings the night of 7/13/56, he asked John Kasper if any other crosses were to be burned. Rowley stated that Kasper responded that Pierce (phonetic) of the Maryland Petition Committee (MPC) was going to take care of one someplace else.

SA Ridgley stated that Rowley had advised that he had met Pierce on one occasion. He described Pierce as aged 28, white, male, dirty blonde hair, 6 feet tall, 190 pounds, well dressed.

SA Ridgley stated that a check of WFO indices disclosed that the chairman of the Montgomery County MPC was one Herbert Mertz, Jr., who resides 6739 Fairfax Road, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Mertz was unavailable for interview in the early evening; however, was later located and the results of his interview are set forth later in this memorandum.

Ridgley stated that Mrs. Douglas King of Beltsville, Maryland, in front of whose home a cross was burned, was reinterviewed as to the identity of Pierce. She stated that in August of 1955 she attended a Board of Education meeting in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. This meeting was open and she attended as an observer. She recalled an individual named John R. Pierce (phonetic) in attendance. Pierce presented a list of names of individuals whom he represented as against integrated schools in Prince Georges County. He offered his comments to the Board re anti integration. Mrs. King stated that a week after the meeting she received a postal card signed by John Pierce (phonetic) which attempted to persuade her to give up her fight to integrate schools. She states she has had no further contact with Pierce. She described Pierce as white, male, 6 feet tall, blonde hair, between 25 and 30 years of age. She said she recalled he lived in the Edmonston, Maryland, area.

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Herbert Mertz, upon interview, advised that he recalled a fellow named George Pierce as active in the MPC who lived in Prince Georges County. Mertz said he came in contact with Pierce two or three times. He believed Pierce came from somewhere in Riverdale. It should be noted Edmonston is a small community adjoining Riverdale. He described Pierce as between 28 and 32 years of age, 6 feet tall, light brown hair. He said his contacts with Pierce were with regard to organizational matters of the MPC. After some hesitation Mertz furnished the name of William Partlow, 1117 Holton Lane, Takoma Park, Maryland, as an individual who knew where Pierce lived.

SA Ridgley stated that it was determined Partlow works nights and would be unavailable for interview until 9:00 AM, 7/21/56.

Ridgley stated that also interviewed in an attempt to identify Pierce was Mrs. Earl Law, wife of the Edmonston police chief. She said there is a Pearce family residing at 4810 48th Avenue, Edmonston. The family consists of a husband, wife and adult son, John. Mrs. Law stated that she had heard from time to time that John took quite an active part in agitating the Negro question; however, she does not know the names of any organizations to which he belonged. She suggested talking to George Page, Mayor of Edmonston, 4907 49th Avenue, Edmonston. Ridgley advised he was unable to locate Page for interview.

Ridgley stated that a check of the cross-reference street directory disclosed that 4810 48th Avenue, Edmonston, is occupied by Mrs. Herbert Pearce, telephone number Warfield 7-8628, and Ralph Hazard, Appleton 7-7786.

Ridgley advised that James W. Hall, former Mayor of Edmonston, who resides at 4817 48th Avenue, was also interviewed. Hall confirmed that a family named Pearce, consisting of man and wife and son, aged 30, lived at 4810 48th Avenue. Hall stated that the son's present occupation is unknown; however, he used to drive a pickup truck. Hall was unable to give an adequate description of the son.

Ridgley stated that a check of the Department of Motor Vehicles, Baltimore, disclosed no record of a registration for any vehicle in the name of John Pearce living at the Edmonston address.

Ridgley stated that Mr. Jesse Baggett, Chairman of the Board of Prince Georges County Commissioners who resides at 3709 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, was interviewed. Baggett recalled that about a year ago an individual named Pearce (phonetic) first name believed to be John, appeared before the meeting of the Board and complained about the county appropriations being designed, designated or used for

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integrated schools. Baggett had no further information regarding Pearce; however, he did recall that Pearce was white, male, tall, thin and had blonde hair. He was under the impression Pearce said he was an attorney. Ridgley advised that there is not listed under lawyers any Pearce in the Washington or Maryland suburban telephone book.

Ridgley advised that a check of the 1954-55 R. L. Polk's Directory for the Maryland and Washington suburban area disclosed that there was listed one John F. Pearce, machinist, employed at the Engineering Research Corporation, Riverdale, home address 4810 48th Avenue, Edmonston. In the same directory there was listed Herbert T. Pearce, wife Annie, living at 4810 48th Avenue, no occupation was listed.

Ridgley advised that on the morning of 7/21/56 an attempt will be made to locate for interview the John H. Pearce of 4810 48th Avenue, Edmonston. If it is determined that he is not the correct Pearce, Ridgley will contact William Partlow of Takoma Park for the identity and address of the right Pearce. Ridgley stated that Supervisor Delavigne of the WFO has been advised of the results of the investigation 7/20/56 and of the planned interviews for 7/21/56.

ACTION TAKEN:

Special Agent Ridgley has been instructed to keep the Bureau immediately advised of the results of his investigation on 7/21/56. You will be advised of pertinent developments in this matter.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON FIELD

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/20/56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/18/56	REPORT MADE BY KENNETH T. DELAVIGNE wjm
TITLE RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY ET AL CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN ET AL VICTIMS			CHARACTER OF CASE ASSAULTING FEDERAL OFFICER
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: LEROY RUSSELL LONG and wife state attended 7/13/56 WCC meeting at invitation FLOYD FLEMING. Stayed only a short time and departed. Described meeting as organizational in character and heard no discussion as to cross burning. JOHN WESLEY STONE, Painter, Naval Air Station, states also attended this meeting at invitation FLEMING. Claims he heard no discussion re cross burning or plans to engage such activity. CLAYTON THORNTON TINCHER, JR. admits attended this meeting, also at FLEMING's invitation; stayed short time and departed to attend dance. Denies any knowledge re cross burning. ALEX JAMES HANNA states evening of 7/13/56, in company with his wife and JOHN LEE of Peyton Street, Alexandria, Virginia, attended WCC meeting where they remained about 30 minutes; heard no discussion re cross burning and departed about 9:30 p.m., spending remainder of evening, still with wife and LEE, in various eating and drinking places. Claims after dropping LEE off at latter's home, he and Mrs. HANNA returned to their own home at Alexandria, arriving about midnight 7/13/56 or possibly as late as 2:00 a.m. 7/14/56. Denies knowledge re burnings. HANNA's wife, LAWANDA BRYAN HANNA, furnishes story considerably at variance with that of husband. States she was in company of husband			
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and JOHN LEE of North Peyton Street, Alexandria, Virginia, entire evening of 7/13/56. Denies that they attended WCC meeting that evening or that they had anything to do with or knowledge concerning cross burnings. Mrs. MAUD CHAMBERS HOCKETT, wife of subject HOCKETT, denied membership in or attendance at WCC meetings. Claims no knowledge re burnings. Subject HOCKETT reinterviewed and again denied any participation in instant case whatsoever. Refused permission to search his home or station wagon. Subject LEE, when contacted 7/18/56, refused to be interviewed.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

INTERVIEW WITH LEROY RUSSELL LONG

On July 18, 1956, LEROY RUSSELL LONG, 5143 Wheeler Road, S. E., Washington, D. C., advised SAs WALTER EARL HEUCKE and LAURENCE E. DANBOM as follows:

Mr. LONG stated that a fellow employee of his at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Washington, D. C., one FLOYD FLEMING, had in the past on several occasions invited him to attend meetings of the White Citizens Council. He stated that since his two daughters were visiting in Indiana and his wife JOYCE had been free on the evening of July 13, 1956, he had gone to the American Legion Hall located at Nichols and Alabama Avenues, S. E., to attend a meeting held on that date. To the best of his recollection the meeting was in progress when he arrived there at approximately 8:45 P. M.

He believed that he and his wife stayed approximately one-half an hour and had left the meeting before it was over inasmuch as he, LONG, had not had supper and was quite hungry. He advised that this was his first and only meeting of the White Citizens Council that he had ever attended and that he had attended this meeting out of curiosity and due to the fact that he was interested in the problem of segregation.

To the best of his recollection there were ten persons present at the meeting other than he and his wife. He stated that the meeting was very informal and that he did not recall being introduced to any individual at the meeting. He stated that the only persons he knew there were FLOYD FLEMING and a Mr. STONE who is also employed at the U. S. Naval Air Station. He stated that he overheard conversation to the effect that one couple present was from Florida and that these individuals were going to return to Florida. LONG went on to state that someone was talking who apparently was heading the meeting at the time he and his wife arrived and that the meeting primarily seemed to be concerned with the starting of a White Citizens Council branch in this area.

He could not give anything specific concerning the names of individuals who were proposed for offices, states that no dues were collected and that no donations were requested. He went on to state that as long as he

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and his wife were at the meeting that nothing was mentioned or encouraged concerning the burning of crosses or violence against Negroes. In general the problem of those individuals present seemed to be questions of what to do about the integration problem. He also advised that neither before nor after the meeting was there any mention made of cross burning and that the first he knew that crosses had been burned in the Washington, D. C., area was the next day when he picked up a copy of the "Evening Star" newspaper and read that such had happened.

He stated that he was quite surprised due to the fact that on the prior evening he had attended a meeting of the White Citizens Council. Mr. LONG volunteered the information concerning his feelings about integration that he did not want his children going to school with colored children but that he wanted colored people to have equal facilities but to stay to themselves. He also volunteered the fact that he would cooperate in any manner which he could and should anything come to his mind which would shed light on the burning of the crosses he would immediately contact this office.

INTERVIEW WITH MRS. JOYCE MARILOU LONG
NEE HENDRICKSON

On July 18, 1956, Mrs. JOYCE MARILOU LONG, 5143 Wheeler Road, S. E., advised SAs WALTER EARL HEUCKE and WILLIAM C. CARROLL as follows:

Mrs. LONG, who is employed by the U. S. Navy Hydrographic Office, Division of Oceanography, at Suitland, Maryland, advised that she had attended a meeting of the White Citizens Council on July 13, 1956, at the American Legion Hall, Nichols and Alabama Avenues, S. E., Washington, D. C., at the request of her husband. She stated that she had been interested in the problem of integration inasmuch as they have two daughters, five and six years of age. Since these daughters are visiting in Indiana she and her husband were free and had decided to go to the meeting.

As she recalled, the meeting was just starting on their arrival at the American Legion Hall and, though she could not state definitely as to what time this was, it had been at dusk and somewhere between 8:00 and 9:00 P. M. It was her recollection that she and her husband had stayed about an hour and had left the meeting prior to its ending due to the fact that her husband was quite hungry inasmuch as, as of that time, he had not eaten dinner. She stated that they had proceeded directly to Naylor's Restaurant in Washington and to the best of her knowledge believes they arrived there after 10:00 P. M.

She thought they had stayed approximately one hour and had arrived home by 11:20 or 11:30 P. M. She stated that they had driven to the meeting in her husband's car which is a 1955 Chevrolet two door sedan, green and white in color, bearing Maryland tags.

Concerning the meeting itself, Mrs. LONG advised that to her knowledge there were approximately ten persons present other than she and her husband and that possibly a couple men had come into the meeting after she and her husband. She stated that other than herself, two women had been present. Also that one couple had left the meeting just prior to the time that she and her husband left. She stated that her husband had introduced her to FLOYD FLEMING but that other than that she had not met any individual at the meeting.

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As she recalled the individual running the meeting was introduced but she did not know his name. She thought that a Mr. STONE was there per information received from her husband but was not introduced to him. She volunteered that the meeting seemed primarily concerned with the segregation problem and all of its social aspects. She also advised that at no time prior, during or after the time she was at the meeting had she heard of any mention made concerning cross burning or any other forms of violence.

Mrs. LONG could furnish no information concerning the cars or trucks which may have been parked in the vicinity of the American Legion Hall nor could she give any further identifying information concerning any persons present. She concluded by volunteering that she has been interested in the integration problem since she has a daughter in school and another about to attend school and her interest laid in the fact that she believed separate and equal facilities for the Negro people should be provided. She concluded by stating that should anything come to her mind which may help in determining who set fire to the crosses burned in the Washington, D. C., area, she would immediately contact this office.

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JOHN WESLEY STONE

Mr. JOHN WESLEY STONE was interviewed on July 18, 1956, by SAs WARREN L. LOVE and WILLIAM C. CARROLL. At that time Mr. STONE furnished the following information:

He had been invited to a meeting of the White Citizens Council (WCC) about two or three days prior to July 13, 1956, by FLOYD FLEMING, another painter, who worked with him at the Naval Air Station. STONE advised that he had previously attended a WCC meeting at the Annapolis Hotel a short time ago but could not recall the exact date. He stated that he had agreed to attend the WCC meeting with FLEMING on July 13, 1956, because he was curious as to what went on at these meetings.

He advised that he had been picked up by FLEMING in FLEMING's car on the evening of July 13, 1956, at approximately 7:40 p.m. at the corner of Eleventh and Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., and was driven to the WCC meeting, arriving there at approximately 8:00 p.m. He advised that when he had been picked up there was another individual in FLEMING's car but that he did not learn the individual's name.

STONE advised that when they arrived at the American Legion Hall where the WCC meeting was to be held, there was only a couple of others present so he, FLEMING, the unidentified person who had arrived with them in FLEMING's car and another unidentified person, had walked approximately three blocks to a beer parlor where they had one beer and then went back to the Legion Hall. Mr. STONE advised that as best he remembered two men were conducting the meeting but that he did not hear their names or was not told who they were. He advised that he is hard of hearing and that he had been sitting in the back of the hall and did not hear much of what was going on or was being talked about by the men who were conducting the meeting. STONE advised that he did not hear any discussion concerning the burning of crosses before, during or after the meeting.

STONE advised that to the best of his knowledge the meeting broke up about 10:30 p.m. He and FLEMING then said good-by to the people present and went to FLEMING's car and departed from the vicinity of the Legion Hall. STONE advised that FLEMING then dropped him off at his home, 700 Virginia Avenue, where he went into the house and went to bed. He advised that to the best of his knowledge he had gone to bed approximately 11:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

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STONE advised that he had not heard of, been told about, or read anything about any cross burning on the evening of July 13, 1956, or in the morning of July 14, 1956. STONE advised that he does not approve of such cross burnings and would not do anything that was illegal to prevent desegregation.

Mr. STONE advised that to the best of his knowledge there were only ten or twelve persons present at this meeting, among whom were two or three women. He advised that he did not recall seeing any truck in the vicinity of the meeting and could not recall hearing the names of any of the other persons present at the meeting mentioned.

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INTERVIEW WITH CLAYTON THORNTON TINCHER, JR.
ON JULY 18, 1956

The following investigation was conducted by SAs
ROBERT M. FAUNTLEROY and LEO I. PROSISE.

CLAYTON THORNTON TINCHER, JR. was located at the offices of A. R. CLAS, Architect, Wyatt Building, 14th Street and New York Avenue, N.W., where he is employed. TINCHER consented to an interview and furnished the following information.

At first, TINCHER stated he left his place of employment at approximately 5:00 P.M. on the ~~afternoon~~ of July 13, 1956 and returned to his apartment, Apartment 501, at the Miramar Apartments, 15th Street and Rhode Island Avenue, N.W., where he resides alone. He said he prepared his own dinner and remained at the apartment until approximately 9:45 P.M. when he walked to the Wesley Hotel, 2131 O Street, N.W., where he attended a dance. He claimed he stayed at the dance for approximately thirty minutes, then returned to his apartment after first stopping at a nearby restaurant for a short period of time. He estimated that he was back at his apartment well before 12:00 midnight. TINCHER stated he did not leave his apartment after that time.

When it was indicated to TINCHER that the agents had information indicating he had been somewhere else on that evening, he then recalled that he had attended a meeting of the White Citizens Councils (WCC) on the evening of July 13, 1956.

TINCHER explained that he is interested in the WCC and expects to join the organization when the Northwest Council is organized. For this reason, he contacted JOHN KASPER, whom he knew as the organizer for the Washington, D. C. area. He stated that on Friday, July 13, 1956, he received a telephone call from FLOYD FLEMING, who he described as a leader in the organization who told him that there was to be a meeting on that evening. He said FLEMING did not know where the meeting was to be held. TINCHER stated that after returning to his apartment from work on that evening, he had his dinner and then proceeded to the home of FLOYD FLEMING by taxicab. He then accompanied FLEMING in FLEMING's automobile to the American Legion Hall on Nichols Avenue, S.E., where the meeting was

to be held. He claimed that when he arrived at the Hall, FLEMING went inside but he visited a restaurant nearby and had coffee. He claimed he did not actually see FLEMING after that time, although he knows that FLEMING must have been present at the meeting because of his prominent position in the organization. TINCHER stated that sometime between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m., he entered the meeting hall and the meeting was already in progress. He claimed he took a seat in the rear of the hall and listened to a speech by JOHN KASPER after which he left the meeting. He gave as his reason for leaving at that time, the fact that the major address of the meeting was over and it seemed "senseless" to stay any longer. He also claimed that he wished to attend the dance at the Wesley Hotel.

He advised that he went from the meeting hall to the Wesley Hotel by taxicab and after staying at the dance for approximately thirty minutes, he returned to his apartment, where he remained for the rest of the night. TINCHER stated that the only persons he knows of who could establish the fact that he was at the dance are a lady whose first name is DOROTHY, whom he has seen at other dances, and an unidentified man. He said he did not actually contact these people at the dance. He claimed that since the dance he was informed casually by the above two persons that they had seen him at the dance. TINCHER was unable to suggest how these persons could be contacted. He stated he had attended dances at the Wesley Hotel on only two occasions, the other occasion being Friday, July 6, 1956.

TINCHER denied emphatically that he had any part in the burning of the crosses at the residences of Government officials on July 13 - 14, 1956. He denied that there was any mention of the burning of crosses or any suggestion that this should be done in his presence, before, during, or after the meeting of the WCC. He also stated that no individual in attendance at the meeting had approached him in regard to this matter. He claimed that KASPER and FLEMING are the only persons whose names he knows who attended the meeting. He claimed to have been seated in the back row alone. He was conscious of the presence of other persons in front of him, some of whom were women. He recalled no identifying characteristic of any of these persons. He denied that he had been introduced to any of the members or that he had recognized any of those present as persons he had seen before. He estimated that there were fifteen or twenty persons present. TINCHER also advised that he had not been contacted by anyone who was at the meeting since that time, nor does he have any information as to who was involved in the cross burnings.

INTERVIEW OF ALEX JAMES HANNA

ALEX JAMES HANNA, residing at Temple Trailer Village, Alexandria, Virginia, and employed as a Linesman at the Rockingham Construction Company, 3300 Benning Road, N. E., was interviewed by SAs LAURENCE E. DANBOM and WARREN L. LOVE on July 18, 1956, and furnished the following information:

HANNA first joined the WCC at the Williamston High School at Williamston, North Carolina, during the Fall of 1955. HANNA left Jacksonville, North Carolina, on December 3, 1955, and took up residence in Washington, D. C. The first meeting that he has attended of the WCC in this area was during June, 1956, at the Annapolis Hotel, Washington, D. C. He attended said meeting at the invitation of JOHN KASPER, whom he identified as the organizer for the WCC in the Washington, D. C., area. HANNA produced a WCC membership card reflecting his membership in the WCC at Washington, D. C. Said membership was for period of one year, expiring July 6, 1957. Said membership card was signed by NORA DEVEREAUX.

HANNA stated that JOHN KASPER had requested that HANNA accept the chairmanship of the Alexandria, Virginia, council of the WCC which was being formulated. HANNA has not accepted said chairmanship, but has temporarily acted in this position, and in connection therewith, rented Post Office Box Number 525 at Alexandria, Virginia, in the name of the WCC.

HANNA claims he returned to his residence from work at approximately 6:00 p.m. on July 13, 1956, and prepared to go out for the evening because it was his wedding anniversary. He and his wife picked up JOHN LEE, who resides on Peyton Street, Alexandria, Virginia, at approximately 8:15 p.m., who was to accompany them during HANNA's celebration of his wedding anniversary. HANNA, his wife, and LEE proceeded to the WCC meeting at the American Legion Hall, 3201 Nichols Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C. in HANNA's 1955 Buick automobile having a green body and a white top and bearing South Carolina Tags E8797. They arrived at approximately 9:00 p.m. and entered the American Legion Hall where the WCC meeting was then in progress. They remained not more than 30 minutes. During the attendance of the meeting, JOHN KASPER was the only speaker. HANNA stated that during his attendance at this meeting there was no discussion or suggestion that crosses be burned. The topic of discussion at this meeting concerned the recruitment of new members for a southeast council of the WCC. HANNA estimated there were approximately 15 people in attendance at this meeting. HANNA

alleged the only people he recognized, other than his wife and JOHN LEE, was JOHN KASPER and an unidentified man who drives a red Studebaker one-half ton pickup truck. HANNA described this man as being 60 years of age, white, 5'9", 150 pounds, who walks stoop-shouldered and speaks with a foreign accent. This individual is believed by HANNA to have retired from previous employment and is presently engaged as a handyman or janitor for a school in Falls Church, Virginia. This man is believed by HANNA to reside in Falls Church, Virginia. HANNA was certain of the above individual's residence, but was not certain of his present employment, stating that the school where he is employed could be located in Fairfax or Arlington Counties. HANNA noted that this individual is constantly accompanied by a dog who travels in the rear section of the above red truck.

HANNA, after extensive questioning, insisted that he, his wife, and JOHN LEE departed the above meeting together at approximately 9:30 p.m., July 13, 1956, and, in HANNA's automobile, proceeded to and entered the Crossroads Restaurant in Prince Georges County, Maryland. Subsequent to this, HANNA, his wife, and JOHN LEE also visited the Palmer Restaurant on the Palmer Highway in Prince Georges County, Maryland, and the Piggly-Wiggly Restaurant on U. S. Route Number One in Prince Georges County, Maryland. HANNA could not estimate the times of his arrival and departure from the above restaurants. He estimated that he returned to his residence with his wife in Alexandria, Virginia, after first leaving JOHN LEE at his residence at approximately midnight, July 13, 1956. Further questioning disclosed that he may not have returned home until approximately 2:00 a.m. on July 14, 1956. HANNA attributes his uncertainty as to time to his condition resulting from the consumption of alcoholic beverages.

HANNA denied that he had any knowledge of any cross burnings on the night of July 13-14, 1956, until approximately 7:30 p.m. on July 14, 1956, at which time he noticed it in the newspaper. HANNA persisted in his denial of participating in instant cross burnings, and denied suggesting or discussing same. HANNA stated he could not suggest anyone who may have participated in instant cross burnings, nor could he suggest the identity of anyone who may have participated in said cross burnings. HANNA volunteered that he joined the WCC because he favors segregation. HANNA stated that he disapproves of any violent or illegal means to preserve segregation.

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INTERVIEW WITH MRS. LAWANDA BRYAN HANNA

On July 18, 1956, SAs JESSE C. HALL, JR., and WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB interviewed Mrs. LAWANDA BRYAN HANNA at her residence, which is a house trailer located on Lot 145 at the Temple Trailer Park, Telegraph Road, Alexandria, Virginia.

At that time Mrs. HANNA related that on the evening of July 13, 1956, at approximately 8 p.m., she and her husband ALEX JAMES HANNA, picked up a friend, JOHN LEE, who resides on North Peyton Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. HANNA said that at that time her husband was driving their personal car, which is a 1955 Buick Special, color green, four door sedan bearing South Carolina license tags E87193. She added that her husband had purchased this automobile from the Temple Motor Company, Alexandria, Virginia, in August, 1955.

Mrs. HANNA went on to say that she and her husband had invited her husband's friend, Mr. JOHN LEE, to accompany them on a celebration of their fifth wedding anniversary. Mrs. HANNA said that her husband, ALEX JAMES HANNA, is employed as a linesman with the Rockingham Construction Company, Benning Road, Washington, D. C. She commented that this construction company is associated with or has a contract with the Potomac Electric Power Company for several years. She added that Mr. JOHN LEE is an employee of the Potomac Electric Power Company, Washington, D. C., and in his work he has become acquainted with, and was later a friend of ALEX JAMES HANNA.

Mrs. HANNA said she did not see anything unusual in inviting a friend to accompany them on a celebration of their fifth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. HANNA said that her husband drove JOHN LEE and herself to a restaurant in the State of Maryland, just beyond the District of Columbia. She said she does not know the name of that restaurant or exactly where it is located. She did state that the restaurant serves good food, cafeteria style, and has a license to serve beer. She does not recall if the

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establishment sold hard whiskey. This source commented that when her husband, Mr. LEE and herself arrived at the restaurant, her husband asked for an individual by the name of "POP". This person did not appear but from the impression she received from her husband and Mr. LEE, each of them has eaten at this restaurant on occasions when they have been working in that area. According to Mrs. HANNA, neither her husband, Mr. LEE or herself met any person at this restaurant, nor to her knowledge did Mr. LEE, her husband or herself make any telephone calls, from that location. Mrs. HANNA said she could not recall the location of this restaurant because she is not familiar with Washington, D. C., or the State of Maryland, and furthermore, this was the only occasion on which she has visited that particular restaurant.

Mrs. HANNA asserted that they remained at this restaurant for approximately 30 minutes, at which time they departed and drove to a club known as "The Crossroads." She also said that she does not know the location of this particular club, but that it was not too great a distance from the first restaurant. She declined to estimate the distance between these two locations. Mrs. HANNA remarked that the three of them stayed at the "Crossroads" Club for a period of time from two to three hours. During this time, they witnessed the floor show of the club. Mrs. HANNA declared that while the three of them were at this club neither her husband, Mr. LEE or herself met any people with whom they were acquainted nor did they make or receive any telephone calls. She said they left the "Crossroads" Club after 11 p.m. She said she does not recall the exact date, and that any mention of a particular hour is purely an estimated time. She also remarked that while they were at this club the three of them only drank beer.

According to Mrs. HANNA, after leaving the "Crossroads" Club, her husband, still driving his own automobile, they went to the Hubbard House, a roadhouse restaurant located near the Pentagon Building in Virginia. At this place they had sandwiches and coffee.

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Mrs. HANNA advised that after consuming their food, and talking for a period of time, her husband drove Mr. LEE to his home on North Peyton Street, Alexandria, Virginia, and after dropping Mr. LEE off, the two of them continued on to their home, where they arrived between the hours of 1:30 and 2:00 a.m., July 14, 1956.

Mrs. HANNA was emphatic in declaring that she and her husband remained at home the entire night after arriving there at the above estimated hour, and that as far as she is aware, her husband was not in contact with any person after their arrival at home.

Mrs. HANNA stated that she does not know any person in the trailer village who saw them come home, and that she does not know any person by whom she could prove that she and her husband did arrive home at the time between 1:30 and 2:00 a.m., on July 14, 1956.

Mrs. HANNA stated that the only information she has concerning the burning of any crosses in the District of Columbia or the State of Maryland during the night of July 13, or early morning of July 14, 1956, is what she heard on the radio or saw in the newspaper on July 14 or July 15, 1956.

She said she is definitely opposed to any such activity and she is very certain that her husband, ALEX JAMES HANNA, is equally opposed to the burning of crosses. She related that several years ago when the Klu Klux Klan was burning crosses in the State of South Carolina, she heard her husband make statements indicating that he disapproved of such activity.

Mrs. HANNA remarked that her husband ALEX JAMES HANNA, is a member of the White Citizen's Council in the town of Andrews, Williamsburg County, South Carolina. Mrs. HANNA stated that she is not a member of any White Citizen's Council, but that her father, LOLLIE B. FRYAN, Route 1, Box 146, Andrews, South Carolina, is a member of the White Citizen's Council in the town of Andrews, South Carolina.

Mrs. HANNA said that her husband has attended three meetings of the White Citizen's Council in Washington, D. C. She said on one of these occasions the meeting was supposed to have been held in a hall, the property of Veterans of Foreign Wars, but for some reason the meeting was held at the Ambassador Hotel, Washington, D. C. She went on to add that ALEX JAMES HANNA attended a meeting of the White Citizen's Council on June 29, 1956, and also attended a meeting on the following Friday, July 6, 1956. She said she does not know where these last two meetings were held, nor does she know who was in attendance at those meetings. Mrs. HANNA said that the only reason that the first meeting was held in the Ambassador Hotel was that her husband had told her that for some reason not stated to her, it was necessary that the place of the meeting be changed from the VFW Hall to the Ambassador Hotel.

Mrs. HANNA stated that she knows nothing about the burning of crosses and that to her knowledge her husband has never told her that such a subject was discussed at any meeting of the White Citizen's Council. She further added that her husband does not tell her his activity, either at work or after hours, and that at no time has he told her anything about his activity with the White Citizen's Council.

Mrs. HANNA declared that she has never attended a meeting of the White Citizen's Council, and that she has never been a member of any White Citizen's Council. She remarked that in South Carolina her father is a member of the White Citizen's Council, and it practices that only one member of a family be a member of the White Citizen's Council. She also said she does not know if that is the same practice of the White Citizen's Council in Virginia or the District of Columbia.

According to Mrs. HANNA, she does not know if there is a White Citizen's Council in Virginia, but she made reference to an occasion wherein her husband requested her to apply for a post box to be listed in the name of the White Citizen's Council. She said that at the instructions of her husband, in late June, 1956, she applied for a post box at the main post office, Alexandria, Virginia. She said her husband and

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she rented a post box in the name of the White Citizen's Council of Alexandria, and that she and her husband signed the application for this post box. She went on to say that on July 11, 1956, the post office assigned Post Office Box 525 at the main office, Alexandria, Virginia, to the White Citizen's Council of Alexandria.

On that date, according to Mrs. HANNA, she was issued a key to the box. She added that her husband gave her the \$3 with which to pay the box rent. She also said she does not know if this money came from the White Citizen's Council but that on the evening of July 13, 1956, she saw her husband give the key to Post Office Box 525 to Mr. JOHN LEE. Mrs. HANNA said she assumed that Mr. LEE is a member of the White Citizen's Council but that she does not know the location of that White Citizen's Council to which Mr. LEE belongs. Mrs. HANNA volunteered that she is definitely against the proposal of sending her children to school with "Niggers", and that if the White Citizen's Council helps keep her children from going to school with "Niggers" and stays within the law in doing so, she would support the White Citizen's Council.

Mrs. HANNA was questioned concerning the identities of individuals attending the reported meeting of the White Citizen's Council on July 13, 1956, and she said that she was not present at that meeting, and that she does not have any information as to the identities of any individuals attending that meeting or any other meeting of the White Citizen's Council. She hastened to add that as she already mentioned, her husband attended three meetings of the White Citizen's Council.

Mrs. HANNA also stated that she does not have any idea as to anything discussed at any meeting of the White Citizen's Council, and she definitely does not know if anything was discussed concerning the burning of crosses.

Efforts were made to determine from Mrs. HANNA the identities of the owners of several motor vehicles reported to have been used by members of the White Citizen's Council during the evening of July 13, 1956, and the early morning of July 14, 1956, with negative results.

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INTERVIEW WITH MRS. MAUD CHAMBERS HOCKETT

On July 18, 1956, Special Agents JAMES F. DURKIN, Jr., and CHARLES M. BEALL interviewed Mrs. MAUD CHAMBERS at her residence at 1115 Maryland Avenue, N. E. The interview was conducted on the front porch of her residence at that address and no other persons were present.

Mrs. HOCKETT denied membership in, or ever attending any meetings, of the WCC. She volunteered that the only group with which she has ever been affiliated is her church, the Presbyterian Church of Takoma Park, Maryland.

In answer to a specific question she stated that she never heard any discussion of, or had any knowledge of, the burning of crosses until the incident came out in the press. Mrs. HOCKETT reiterated her statements she had made during the interview of her husband, FRED HOCKETT, on July 15, that she had been at home on Friday evening, July 13, and Saturday morning, July 14. For purposes of information, Mrs. HOCKETT had volunteered the information that she is originally from Roxboro, North Carolina, and is employed at the Washington News Company, 1121 Fifth Street, N. W. Although apparently co-operative during instant interview she refused to furnish any other background information.

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INTERVIEW OF FRED PLANT HOCKETT
1115 MARYLAND AVENUE, N.E.

On July 18, 1956, Special Agents CHARLES M. BEALI, JR., and JAMES F. DURKIN, JR., interviewed FRED HOCKETT at his place of residence, 1115 Maryland Avenue, N.E. The whole interview of HOCKETT was conducted on the front porch, not within the confines of his apartment. No other persons or members of HOCKETT's family were present during the interview. At the inception of the interview HOCKETT was asked whether or not he had any further information he wished to furnish regarding instant case, and he replied in the negative. HOCKETT was then advised that further information had been received by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this case and it was specifically pointed out to him the following allegations had been made concerning him in this matter:

1. Allegations that HOCKETT had, in fact, been present at a meeting of the WCC which took place on the evening of Friday, July 13, 1956, at the American Legion Hall, Nichols and Alabama Avenues, S.E.
2. That HOCKETT had, in fact, transported four crosses in his 1947 or 1948 Plymouth station wagon to the meeting.
3. That HOCKETT had, after the meeting, transported these crosses in his car to a dead end street approximately two blocks from the Hall where he had assisted in placing them on the street pavement and had poured kerosene on the crosses.
4. That, in company with others, HOCKETT had then by a circuitous route proceeded to the Sheraton Park Hotel where he had assisted in planting and setting fire to these crosses.

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To the above allegations, HOCKETT made an absolute denial and reiterated his previous statement that he had never attended a meeting of the WCC and had not, in any way, participated in the burning of the crosses. He again stated that he had been at home on Friday evening, July 13, 1956, and Saturday morning, July 14, 1956, and had ample witnesses to prove this. HOCKETT again refused to furnish the names of these witnesses and did relate the following:

He advised that he knew the Metropolitan Police Department had been conducting an investigation in his neighborhood and, in fact, one of his neighbors had volunteered information to HOCKETT that she knew his car had been parked in the rear of his apartment on Friday night. This unknown person, according to HOCKETT, also told him that it was there at 12:00 midnight. When HOCKETT was requested to furnish the name of this individual, he stated that he would do so only if the case went to court and refused to give interviewing Agents any further information regarding this witness.

HOCKETT, when referring to the WCC, stated that he was highly desirous of joining such an organization and had, in fact, on the morning of instant interview endeavored to join that organization and had ascertained the location of its offices where he planned to apply for membership. He denied that he had ever been a member at any time of this organization. It was stressed to him by Agents that the reference to this organization in the interview had no bearing upon this organization, but was made merely to trace the inception of talks which culminated in the incident of the burning of the crosses. Even though he denied ever being a member of the WCC or attending any of its meetings, he was specifically asked if he had ever heard of the burning of crosses being discussed by that group. He answered in the negative to this question, again stating that he had never attended any meetings. Relative to organizations, HOCKETT again stated that he would be proud to be a member of any organization whose aims were to protect the Constitution which, in his words, was being torn down by the Supreme Court.

At this point in the interview, HOCKETT stated that he had in the past few days located and talked to one JOHN LEE whom he understands was involved in instant cross burning. It might be pointed out at this time that during the interview with HOCKETT on Sunday, July 15, 1956, he was asked the question whether or not he was acquainted with a JOHN LEE or RONALD EUGENE ROWLEY and HOCKETT had replied in the negative. No further background information regarding LEE or ROWLEY was furnished to HOCKETT during the July 15, 1956, interview.

Regarding the locating of LEE by HOCKETT, it should be pointed out that a check of the Washington, D.C., Telephone Directory reflects numerous JOHN LEEs. HOCKETT further stated that when he had located LEE, LEE had told him, HOCKETT, that he had never seen him before. He also told HOCKETT that he at no time had admitted to any person that he, LEE, had been involved in the cross burning or in any way had implicated anyone else. According to HOCKETT, LEE advised that he did know a FRED HOCKETT; however, it was not the subject.

HOCKETT then explained to interviewing Agents that he has a son by a former marriage, one FRED HOCKETT, JR., and that LEE advised him that he had "broken in" the younger HOCKETT in his job. HOCKETT was then questioned relative to his son, and he stated that he is approximately 28 years of age and is believed to live in the Washington area. HOCKETT further stated that he has not seen his son for approximately 10 years and the last time he has spoken to him was over the telephone about six years ago. HOCKETT then stated that his son was a good boy and would not become involved in an incident of this nature.

After the above meager information was furnished by HOCKETT about his son, he obviously became rather upset that he had unconsciously possibly implicated his son in this matter and categorically refused to furnish any other information about him.

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HOCKETT was asked if he would sign papers giving permission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to search his home and automobile. HOCKETT stated that under no circumstances as far as he was concerned could anyone search his home or automobile without first serving "legal warrants." He stated that this was not only his feeling, but he had been advised to take this stand by his attorney. HOCKETT stated that there was nothing to hide in either his home or his car, but he still would not give permission. It was at this point that HOCKETT added that his lawyer had also told him not to even answer questions. It is believed pertinent to set out that several times during the interview HOCKETT stated that a man would be foolish to implicate himself in "conspiracy." All during the interview HOCKETT on many occasions advised that he was in full accord with the action taken by those who burned the crosses, however, he was not in any way involved. When asked his reason for bringing up "conspiracy," HOCKETT did not further enlighten the Agents along this line. As in the previous interview HOCKETT, at the inception of instant interview, stated that he would not admit the burning of crosses even if he had been involved. At the end of the interview,

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however, upon direct questioning, he stated that if he had been involved, he would be proud of it and admit it.

Throughout the interview HOCKETT expressed great admiration for ROWLEY, indicated that he was in full accord with what ROWLEY did, and stated that ROWLEY should be "acclaimed a national hero." When pressed about his reluctance to make a full disclosure of his knowledge of this incident to the Agents, he stated that if a congressional investigation was instituted, he would be glad to testify about his feelings about segregation and particularly the Supreme Court's decision on integration.

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INTERVIEW WITH JOHN DAVID LEE
428 PEYTON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

On July 18, 1956, Special Agents WOODROW P. LIPSCOMB and SAMUEL W. WEST, JR. contacted LEE at his residence for the purpose of interviewing him with further regard to this case. LEE answered the door and refused to be interviewed, stating he did not desire to furnish any further information with respect to this matter.

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ERNEST CUNNINGHAM, 1821 18th St., SE, identified and interviewed today. States he attended 7/13 meeting of WCC and temporarily acted as secretary-treasurer. Has no info concerning cross burnings.

Efforts continued to identify unknown subject, driver of red truck, negative.

Firemen on duty night of 7/13 at firehouse in vicinity of American Legion Hall where meeting held on 7/13 last interviewed with negative results.

ROWLEY accompanied by relative contacted WFO afternoon of 7/19/56 to furnish additional info. He has been interviewed intensively and is in process of furnishing detailed signed statement in an effort to fill in all apparent gaps in information he has furnished in prior interviews. Interview now completed and statement being prepared for his review and signature. ROWLEY will be available in this connection.

His statements generally conform to statements previously made by him. During latter stages of interview, when again questioned concerning burning of crosses near Beltsville, Md., ROWLEY advised that after he agreed to participate in cross burnings, night of 7/13, he asked KASPER if any other crosses were to be burned. ROWLEY stated KASPER responded that PIERCE (ph) of the Maryland Petition Committee (MPC) was going to take care of one some place else.

Info concerning this Committee is known to the BA Office, and the Resident Agents at Hyattsville are making inquiries to identify and interview PIERCE thru the known Chairman of the MPC, who is HERBERT MERTZ, Jr., 6739 Fairfax Rd., Chevy Chase, Md.

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